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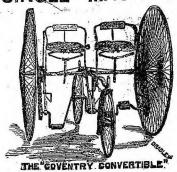
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FRANCE AND CHINA. There is no reason to doubt that the French are now sincerely anxious to avoid a quarrel with China. They see that such a war would be a very formidable one, and that even if they soon succeeded their triumph would be gained at too heavy a cost. It may be, however, that all this has been realised too late. The riot at Canton shows that the Chinese are in anything but a submissive temper, and the Marquis Tseng displays no inclination to abate the claims of his country. On the other hand, the French Government do not seem to have made any important concession, and they persist in sending reinforcements to Tonkin, although China has declared that she regards this as evidence of hostile intentions against herself. It is, therefore, too probable that the two countries may drift into war, notwithstanding the desire of France to secure a peaceful settlement. It has been urged that England should intervene; but England could hardly offer her good offices unless they were really wanted; and it is by no means clear that the French have any wish for her services. They would have more confidence in the impartiality of the United States; but an appeal even to the American Republic would perhaps seem to them to be humiliating. If war breaks out, the French will certainly not have the sympathy of the civilised world. The Chinese are perfectly justified in thinking that were a French dependency on one of their borders they would have to contend against incessant intrigue; and France has no better motive for her exorbitant demands than a restless desire to prove that, although for the present comparatively weak in Europe, she is as ambitious and as "spirited" as ever. All her true friends must hope that even at the last moment she will be wise enough to escape from a very serious difficulty by the exercise of a little more self-control than she has shown during the last

TRADES UNIONISTS AT NOTTINGHAM. --- The political economists of the last generation treated the maxim, " Buy in the cheapest market, and sell in the dearest," as if it was a Divine commandment. In real truth, it is no commandment at all, but rather the expression of a tendency which is almost irresistible so long as human nature remains the selfish, fallible thing which it is. Still, the restraints of conscience, or of public opinion, are such that none of us carry it out in its entirety, or life would be intolerable, because a disinterested action would become impossible. It is by no means an easy matter to decide where this dogma or tendency, whichever we please to call it, should be allowed full swing, and where it should be held under restraint. hardest man of business abandons it in family matters. trades' unionist goes further, and says to a body of workmen, "For the sake of the well-being of the whole of your community, cease to regard your own individual interests as of the first importance; you have tried that plan, and found that it made you helpless, isolated units in the hands of your employers; instead, therefore, sink your own aims and ambitions in those of the general body." These remarks are suggested by Mr. Thomas Smith's interesting speech at Nottingham. We gather from it that he objects to competition among the masters as much as among the men, for if it be wrong, as he implies, for one employer to undersell another, all competition ought to cease. Mr. Smith speaks of producers and capitalists, and thinks that the latter get an undue share of the profits. Our belief is that nowadays-whatever might be the case formerly-the capitalist-manufacturer, who is really just as much a producer as the man to whom he pays wages, gets as a rule no more than he deserves for the skill and labour he gives and the risk he runs, but that the lion's share of the profit is eaten up by the middleman. He toils not, neither does he spin-that is to say, he is not a genuine producer-but he watches the markets, and in nearly every business, whether it be farming, gardening, fishing, or cotton spinning, it is he who gains the chief benefit. And so long as competition exists he will continue to

ARMY TRAINING SCHOOLS.—There is a great deal to be said in favour of the Duke of Westminster's scheme of schools where poor boys would be trained for the Army as others are for the Navy. One of the difficulties must be, of course, that a large percentage of the lads might refuse to fulfil the purposes of their education, and go off into civilian pursuits when the schools had done their best for them. But if they were known to be smart, well-conducted lads, they would come into request as domestic servants; nor would it be fair that this should be prevented by any system of enlisting them at the age of fourteen, and for a term of twenty years, as has been suggested. It would be a hazardous experiment to recruit the Army with young men who had signed away their liberty before arriving at the age of discretion. In the present state of the law such contracts would not be binding; and it may be doubted whether Parliament would ever pass an Act to make them legal, The proposed schools would, however, do much good, even if, from the military point of view, they did not realise all that was expected of them. There could be no surer way of reclaiming pauper boys taken from the streets than by

giving them an education based on drill, habits of discipline, and lessons fostering in them the love of an honourable profession. An attractive uniform would be a necessary adjunct to this system, and we hope this point will not be lost sight of, for some of the costumes inflicted on the charity-boys in this country seem expressly designed to obliterate all selfrespect in the wearers. Perhaps the investment of a small sum-say a halfpenny a day-in the Savings Bank for each of the boys from the date of his entrance into the school would assist the objects of the foundation. It might be arranged that the savings should form a fund to be paid in a lump sum on discharge, after ten or twelve years' service in the Army; and this would give every boy a powerful incentive to enlist after completing his education at the school. It might also be managed that the best boys in the school, leaving it at the age of eighteen, should pass into the Army with the rank of corporal. The want of experienced non-commissioned officers has been much felt since the introduction of the short-service system, and it might be partly met by Training Schools in which the most promising pupils should be specially exercised in view of becoming corporals and sergeants.

SOBIESKI.---During the present week the people of the Austro-Hungarian Empire have been celebrating with enthusiasm the heroism with which, in 1683, John Sobieski, King of Poland, drove the Turks from Vienna. And his victory deserves the praises that have been lavished on it. The peril to which Vienna was exposed ought to have interested all Europe profoundly, yet Europe watched the struggle coldly, and Louis XIV. even encouraged the Turks in their advance towards the West. Sobieski alone saw the full extent of the danger, and hastened to uphold the cause of Christendom against Mahomedan aggression. Credit is due, of course, to the inhabitants of Vienna for their brave defence of their city before his arrival; and it is universally admitted that he would not have succeeded but for the vigorous aid of Duke Charles of Lorraine. Had not Sobieski appeared on the scene, however, Vienna would inevitably have fallen; and, for a time at least, the Ottoman Empire would have been vastly extended. That the Turks would have been able to maintain their conquests permanently, is highly improbable; for sooner or later the Christian States would, no doubt, have combined against them. But for more than a generation much suffering might have been inflicted on the world; and political and social progress would have been retarded. The House of Hapsburg made a poor return to the Poles for the generosity of their great king by taking part in the partition of Poland; but it is satisfactory to see that the memory of that infamous transaction is not cherished with bitter hatred by the Austrian Poles. Like all other Poles, they still hope that by some unforeseen combination of forces their ancient State will be restored; but they acknowledge gratefully that their condition is very different from that of the Poles in Russia, and even in Prussia. Perhaps the present celebration, with which the members of all nationalities in Austria have associated themselves, may tend to remove the last traces of discontent which survive among the Polish subjects of the Emperor Francis Joseph.

THEN AND NOW IN CHINA. ---- Elderly people, who can remember with what comparatively light hearts we went to war with China in 1840, and again in 1857, when the French were our allies, may wonder that we should administer such solemn lectures to our French neighbours for venturing to contemplate a similar enterprise. Of course, it is in our own interest as well as theirs that we seek to restrain the French. If war ensues, our commercial arrangements will certainly be dislocated; while it is quite possible that, before long, we may be obliged to take sides in the contest either for or against the Chinese. Canton riot-though in itself the sort of incident which might occur at any semi-civilised seaport-indicates what a set of tinder-boxes the Treaty Ports would become if war should break out. The truth is that a great many things have altered during the last forty-and especially during the last five-and-twenty-years in China the Unchangeable, and we are justified in feeling more dread of Chinese complications than our fathers felt. The Chinese have profited by adversity. The two wars with England, and the Taeping revolt, crushed by the aid of a foreign general, revealed their military weakness. According to good authority, their army is now well drilled and equipped; and, as the soldiers are hardy, intelligent, and careless of life, they may, if led by capable generals, hold their own against European troops. It would appear, too, that the emergence of the Celestial Empire from her self-sufficient isolation has quickened the national pulse. The total absence of this patriotism in former wars was indicated by the uninterrupted supply of tea, silk, and other commodities to the objectionable "foreign devil" with whom the Emperor was in deadly conflict. It is possible, though not very probable, that a similar apathy might again be displayed. For it must not be forgotten that one cause of the weakness of China is that conquerors and conquered have hitherto not amalgamated. Tartars and Chinese regard each other as Normans and Saxons did during the hundred years which followed the Battle of Hastings. The genuine Chinese may therefore not unnaturally say: "This war is no concern of ours, it is a war of home devils against foreign devils-let us sell tea and make money."

WILLIAM MURDOCK .- The Times has done a generous thing in supporting the project for erecting a memorial to the inventor of gas. The biographical sketch of Murdock which appeared in its issue of Tuesday will have called attention to a man whose wonderful career certainly deserves national recognition; and many who read that highly interesting article will have wondered that forty-four years should have elapsed after Murdock's death before his claims to public honour should have been seriously taken up. James Watt did not behave well to his countryman, whom he always treated rather as a servant than as an equal in genius; and Murdock was one of those men who are easily kept below their proper rank because they love their work for the good it will do to others, not for what it may bring to themselves. The late Lord Lytton, talking of public-spiritedness, said that no man would consent to be racked with rheumatism that the world might have a perfect drainage system in two thousand years; but Murdock. who was a philanthropist as well as an inventor, cared little what he spent or suffered in the cause of Science. It is related that when he was making his experiments with fishskins to be used by brewers as a substitute for isinglass, he came up to London and took expensive lodgings at the West End. Absorbed in his new discovery, he used to go out with a basket, which he brought home full of fish; then he would flay the fish on his drawing-room table, and hang the skins to dry on velvet sofas and silk curtains. When his landlady caught him at work there was a pretty scene; and Murdock, much to the surprise of his simple mind, was ignominiously ejected, after being made to pay a good sum in damages. The Murdock Memorial Committee, which is to be formed under Sir William Siemens's auspices, will endeavour to collect funds for erecting a statue on the Thames Embankment, and also for purchasing Murdock's house at Handsworth, which it is proposed to convert into a Gas Museum, with a library and reading-rooms, for the working men of Birmingham. We believe there exists a bust of William Murdock by Chantrey, so that there ought to be no difficulty in getting a good model of features for a statue; as for the Gas Museum, such an institution would no doubt give a stimulus to living experimenters who are trying how gas may be made purer and cheaper. Sir William Siemens's own discoveries in this direction are not yet so widely known, nor so much patronised by gas companies, as they should be.

SIR EVELYN BARING IN EGYPT .- The arrival of Sir Evelyn Baring at Cairo ought to be an event of much importance in the history of our relations with Egypt. It cannot be said that the reorganisation of Egyptian institutions has advanced as rapidly as the world reasonably expected. The work has been retarded, no doubt, by the outbreak of cholera; but, even apart from that terrible calamity, we have made but slow progress in the accomplishment of the task we have undertaken. The truth is that the English Government have not acted on a definite and consistent theory of their duty. The Egyptians have not been allowed to build up a new system in accordance with their own ideas; on the other hand, Lord Dufferin's scheme has been carried out imperfectly, and it has been said again and again that we intend to take away soon the only force by which the maintenance of order is guaranteed. Even this state of things may be better than that which prevailed during the supremacy of Arabi; but, since the battle of Tel-el-Kebir, the Egyptians have certainly not been so well off as they were in the time of the Dual Control, when the law was administered with some approach to fairness. Fortunately, Sir Evelyn Baring begins his new duties with the advantage of an excellent reputation as an administrator; and there is good reason to hope that, if he is properly supported at home, he will contrive to evolve order from chaos. It is, however, essential that there should be no doubt about the determination of England to retain her hold over Egypt until his labours are completed. At Sheffield Lord Hartington prophesied once more that the troops would be speedily withdrawn; but he may prove to have been as wide of the mark on this occasion as he was before. To leave Egypt before she is capable of governing herself would be not only to injure our own interests, but to do extreme injustice to the Egyptians, who have surely a right to demand that they shall not permanently suffer by our violent interference in their affairs.

OUR BOYS AND EMIGRATION .--- A lively correspondence has been going on lately in the Daily Telegraph on this subject, which is sure to be of interest to parents, especially if they are, to use a medical term, multiparous. however, every father who possesses the "gumption" of that wonderful M.A. of Oxford, who boasts that, by means of letters of introduction, he has planted a series of sons in the colonies. Colonists generally speak rather despitefully of letters of introduction. Too often writer, writee, and person introduced have the slenderest connexion with each other, and such epistles, therefore, do not produce even an invitation to dinner. It may be laid down as a rule that young gentlemen without capital should not emigrate unless there is some person already in the colony really interested in their welfare; or unless they have been at the pains before sailing to master some trade, such as carpentering, blacksmithing, or horsebreaking, which will ensure them bread to eat. Above all, let them not pay money here to be taught farming in the colony. A writer in a recent number of Colonies and India tells of a young man who paid here in London 80%, besides passage and outfit, to be taught farming in Manitoba. When he got to his destination he found that his agricultural preceptor kept a low roadside lodging-house, and that his farming was of microscopic proportions. Australians complain that, as regards the more educated classes, England sends them nothing but ne'er-doweels and consumptives, and there is some truth in this; but, on the other hand, might not the respectable colonists do more than they do now to keep "new chums" from being fleeced by the sharks and scoundrels who lie in wait for the unwary at all the ports of arrival? There is a kind of notion that, having gone through this ordeal themselves and survived, others must undergo it also; but we firmly believe that the knowledge of the existence of these dangers keeps a good many people with money in their pockets from venturing to make a home at the Antipodes.

ST. KATHARINE'S WHARF.—When Lord Brougham made a raking speech against any abuse he used always to begin by saying that he was going to attack nobody; so in giving an opinion about St. Katharine's Wharf we should like to make things pleasant all round by declaring that we hold no one responsible for the disgraceful condition of that favourite landing-place of foreigners. It is not the fault of the General Steam Navigation Company if passengers arriving by the Boulogne and Ostend boats have to disembark upon a narrow, slippery, unsheltered quay, encumbered with bales of goods, and further obstructed by tattered loafers touting for jobs; nor is it, we suppose, the Company's fault if the street outside is so blocked by heavy traffic that a cab can scarcely make its way to the passengers' entrance. But there are some inconveniences which the G.S.N.C. could remedy. There might be a staff of porters in livery instead of those vagabond-looking fellows whom no badge or uniform cap recommends to the bewildered foreigner as trustworthy persons; and the anomaly of allowing these men to charge twopence for every package they carry should be reformed. Twopence is no excessive charge for the carriage of a heavy box, but when a man of knowing ways has wrested or coaxed from some tired lady an armful of small parcels, including umbrella, biscuit bag, and Tauchnitz novel, and then puts in a claim for a shilling or more, his demand seems exorbitant, and is resisted with clamour. The Company, again, might see that the danger flags placed on the quay while the cranes are at work were really red, so as to attract attention, and not dirt-blackened rags as now; even if it became necessary to buy new flags once a week, the outlay would be small, and we should have less risk of accidents. Finally, the G.S.N.C. ought to word its notices to Frenchmen in French that is intelligible. We are so apt to make merry over the bits of queer English to be read on notice-boards abroad, that we ought to feel some shame as a nation at seeing Frenchmen put to mental torture by such lines as these: "Avis aux voyageurs. Les frais de transport pour la bagage se montent à deux pence pour son emballage ça et là, et il n'est pas permis d'en recevoir plus. Ceux qui ont à faire des plaintes sont demandés de s'adresser au bureau du Quai," Assuming that the G.S.N.C. has no French scholar in its offices, might we suggest the following amended version: "Avis à MM. les Voyageurs. Les facteurs sont autorisés à percevoir deux pence pour le transport de chaque colis ou paquet, à bord ou au debarquement. MM. les Voyageurs ayant des réclamations à faire sont priés de s'adresser," &c.

BULGARIAN INDEPENDENCE.—At the time of the Bulgarian atrocities, and for a year or two afterwards, much enthusiasm was displayed in England on behalf of the Bulgarian people. Crowded meetings were held in all our great cities to plead their cause, and Mr. Gladstone received a vast amount of credit for the energy and zeal with which he urged his famous demand that the Turks should be driven bag and baggage out of the province. Now there is no part of the world to which Englishmen payless attention than to Bulgaria. Among the telegrams of foreign correspondents a paragraph about her affairs appears occasionally, but her former friends have lost their interest in her fortunes, and a meeting summoned even in Birmingham to consider her position would be but scantily attended. We venture to think that if Radical prophecies about the probable course of events in Bulgaria had been fulfilled, the subject would not have been dropped so completely. It was confidently foretold that if the province were delivered from the Turks it would soon be in the enjoyment of free institutions of the most modern and the most approved type; and then, of course, the accumulated evils of centuries of pression were speedily to vanish. As a matter of fact, Bulgaria does not possess free institutions. She is not even permitted to have the advantage of a really independent ruler; for when Prince Alexander tried the other day to get rid of General Soboleff, and to diminish generally the influence of Russia in his country, he was quickly made to understand that he had exaggerated his power, and that any changes he wished to effect must be sanctioned in St. Petersburg. Bulgaria, instead of becoming independent, has simply become an outlying portion of the Russian Empire; and it is not at all certain that the population think they are better off than in the old days of Ottoman supremacy. Some of those who most opposed Lord Beaconsfield must have begun to doubt whether, if his policy had been less vehemently resisted, he would not have achieved a rather better result than this.

READING ALOUD.—The poet Cowper refused a good appointment in the House of Lords because it entailed the obligation of reading the titles of Bills aloud. He was more shy than most men; but many might laugh at his scruples without being better able to perform the simple task from which he recoiled. The art of reading well is rare, for the reason that, although everybody talks of it as an art, few people cultivate it as such. The human voice has been called the most beautiful of instruments, and so it is; but only on the same conditions as make the sound of other instruments tolerable. Charles Dickens and the late Mr. J. C. M. Bellew were artist readers; so is M. Legouvé, of the French Academy, whose obliging and gratuitous services are often sought by authors having pieces to read before the Examining Committee of the Théâtre Français. In our London churches we have many more good preachers than good readers. The Rev. E. A. Stuart, Vicar of St. James's, Holloway, and one of the Special Preachers at St. Paul's, has a well-merited reputation in both capacities; and we would recommend any one who wants to know how lessons and prayers should be read to go and hear him. All children should be taught to read aloud; and they should be instructed in the art, as in singing, by teachers who will not let a false note pass. When perfection is attained, it will be found an invaluable acquisition. We speak of a good tenor as having a fortune in his throat; but a good talker-and to read well makes a man speak tunefully-carries about with him the power to charm. Like Amphion, he moves-if not the stones in the streets—the stones that sometimes do duty for men's hearts; and there is no resisting him. Sir Alexander Cockburn once gave a lucrative appointment to a gentleman who had been clerk in a metropolitan police-court. The preferment was both unexpected and unusual, and the Lord Chief Justice was rather embarrassed to say what had actuated him. "The truth is," he confessed to a friend, "I heard him administer the oath to a witness in a way that brought tears to my eyes. I had often enough heard the oath read, Heaven knows, but never as he read it. Everybody in court was impressed except —— (the magistrate), who's stupid."

BROKEN GLASS. --- One of our contemporaries styles this "a new danger," but the danger is as old as the invention of bottles, though it may not till lately have been brought out as one of the subjects of the so-called "silly season." There are a number of unthinking people about who, at the close of a picnic or any similar entertainment, think it fine fun to make cock-shies of the empty bottles. This is all very well, but do they gather up the fragments that remain? Not a bit of it; and so these jagged remnants are hidden in long grass or in ponds, or in the sand of the sea-beach, to lacerate the fingers and toes of those unfortunate persons who happen to come in contact with them. It is useless to make laws on such a subject; the careless creatures who act thus belong to the same family as those who scatter their orange-peel in the public thoroughfares. But a hint as to the mischief they do may make them more careful in future, and they may also be reminded that many a rich man's pleasure-grounds are rigidly closed against the public, because chance visitors make such a mess with their greasy newspapers and broken bottles. Picknickers should make it a golden rule to carry home (either inside or outside) everything which they have brought out.

POLICE SHELTERS .- "What! Bobby in a shelter next, like a cabman! Why, on a wet or cold night, he would never turn out at all, except just when the inspector came round." This is what some unsympathising critic may say concerning the proposal to provide boxes for the police, but there is a good deal to be said on the other side. The firemen are none the less efficient, when an alarm is given, for having been under shelter, and a policeman fresh out of a comparatively warm and snug box is more likely to grapple effectively with a burglar than a poor fellow chilled through and through by wet and frost. In this connexion we should like to ask whether policemen's night-clothing is, as regards quality and make, the best dress for the purpose. We have heard complaints as to the difficulty of drying clothes, and hence the compulsion to go on duty in damp garments. We hope that in such matters as these the chiefs of the police are at least willing to listen to the opinions of the men, upon the sound principle that the wearer of the shoe knows best where it pinches.

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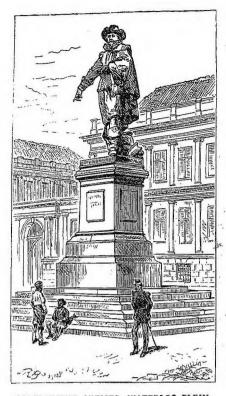
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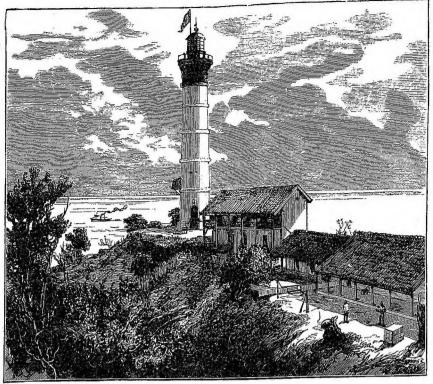
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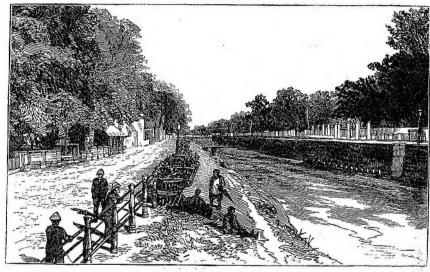
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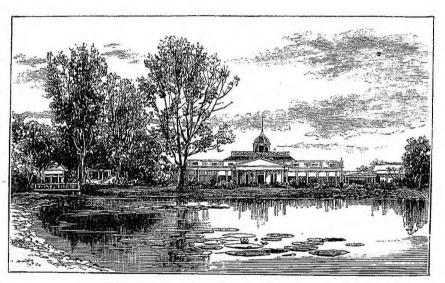
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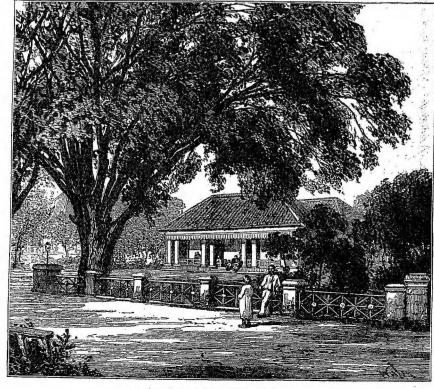
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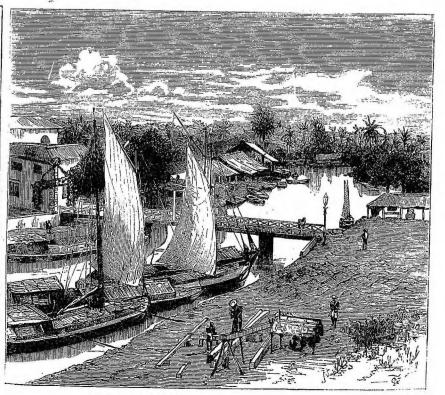
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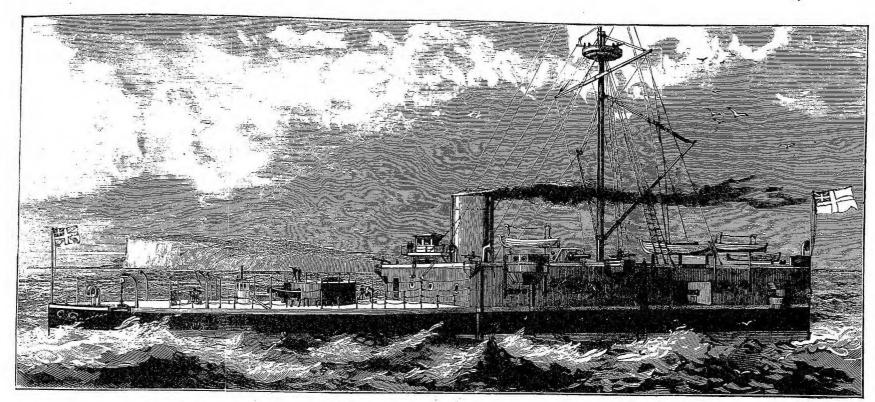
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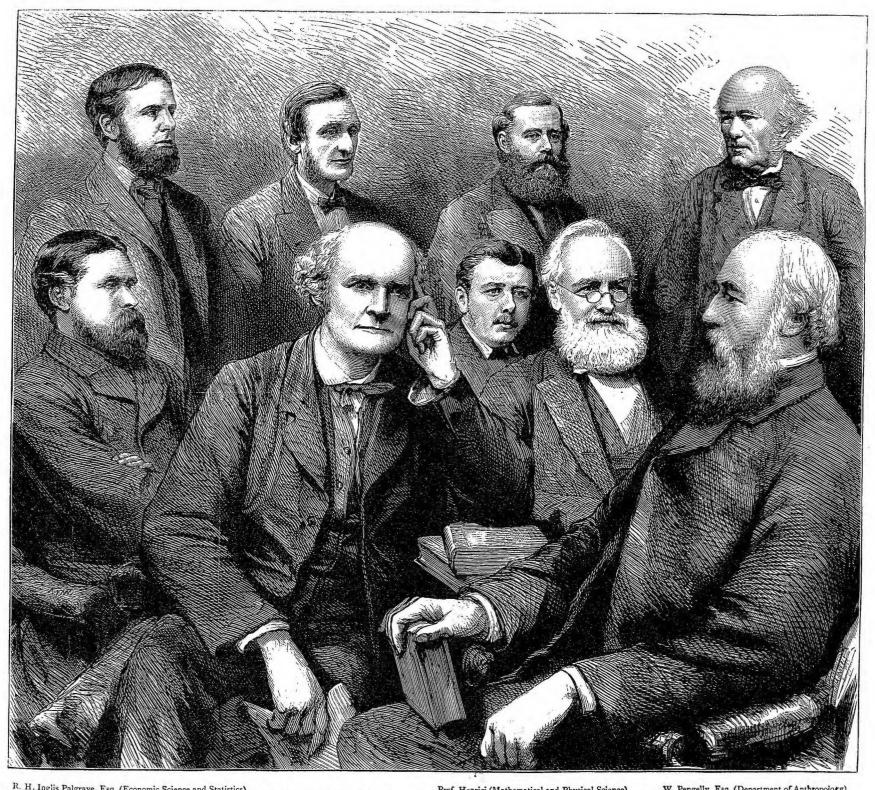
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THE FRANCO-CHINESE DIFFICULTY

LI-HUNG-CHANG, who is the most eminent among the statesmen of the Chinese Empire at the present time, is the second son of an official of some celebrity, and was born at Hofei in 1823. After a distinguished collegiate career he was ordered to take the field against the Taeping rebels, who were then ravaging his native province. In this capacity he displayed conspicuous skill and bravery, and became successively Judicial Commissioner, an Intendant of Circuit, and Governor of the Province of Kiangsoo. It was at this time (1862) that he first came into intimate relations with foreigners, and it was in concert with him that General Staveley defended Shanghai, and undertook the campaign in the neighbourhood of that city. The holp he thus received opened the eyes of Li-Hung-Chang to the superiority of foreigners in the field, and thenceforward he became a staunch advocate of progress. On the appointment of "Chinese" Gordon to the command of the eyervictorious army, Li cordially co-operated with him, and the substantial honours which were showered upon him showed how highly his services were appreciated at Pekin. His diplomatic skill has been subsequently shown by the negotiations which he conducted after the massacre of the French Consul and missionaries at Tientin, after the murder of Mr. Margary, and in the difficulties which have arisen with Russia and Japan. Li-Hung-Chang is now Prime Minister of the Chinese Empire, and Viceroy of the Province of Chih-li. His admiration of Western ideas is not confined to military matters. He is conscious of the superiority of European medical science he has consistently advocated the introduction into the LI-HUNG-CHANG, who is the most eminent among the statesmen matters. He is conscious of the superiority of European medical science; he has consistently advocated the introduction into the science; he has consistently advocated the introduction into the Empire of European manufacturing and scientific systems; he began the working of the Kaiping coal and iron mines; he promoted the telegraphic line which is now in course of construction along the whole coast (on shore) of China; and he has memorialised the throne on behalf of railway enterprise. He is a man of commanding appearance, being ever six feet two inches in height.

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Tso-tsung-tang, the Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Army, is also Viceroy of the Liang-Kiang, and, as a consequence, exercises jurisdiction over Shanghai. He is an old man, being upwards of seventy years of age, and, unlike Li-Hung-Chang, is very Conservative in his views, and not over-fond of foreign people and foreign ways. As part of his Conservatism consists in a strong hostility to the electric light and to tramways, some people, even in this enlightened metropolis, who are not over-delighted with these two notable inventions, may sympathise with Tso-tsung-tang.

Tong-King-sing, an official of high rank, and the Premier's righthand man in all matters, may be described as a holder of advanced opinions. He is strongly in favour of railways, and, in short, of anything which will serve to develop the resources of his country. At a meeting of the Anti-Opium Society in London last July he made an interesting speech, showing the injury wrought by indulgence in opium, and expressing his delight at finding himself in a society of Englishmen who loved morality more than money.

The "Green Turbans" are a foreign-drilled body of soldiers. They were originally a remnant of Gordon's "ever-victorious army." "These men," says the China correspondent to whom we are indebted for the photographs from which these engravings are executed, "are but a sample of the many tens of thousands of similarly drilled and equipped troops which China at this moment can put into the field. Led by foreigners, these men will do wonders, but it yet remains to be seen what they will do under native command."

THE VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN JAVA

THE VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN JAVA THE region occupied by the Malay Archipelago must be regarded as a simple hotbed of volcanic forces, the whole of the curved chain of islands, some thousands of miles in length, extending from Sumatra to the Philippines, being well besprinkled with volcanoes in full activity. Java has its full quota of these dangerous, if imposing, outlets for subterranean disturbances, the presence of which is frequently made manifest to the dwellers above. The western part of the island is peculiarly subject to shocks of earthquake; and those living in the neighbourhood of the great volcano, the Gedeh, make very little of being swayed in their beds for half-a-minute, or those living in the neighbourhood of the great volcano, the Gedeh, make very little of being swayed in their beds for half-a-minute, or longer, or being treated to sudden angry shocks. Now and again serious results occur, as, for instance, in 1878, when the small town of Chandjur, south of Batavia, was destroyed, with its jail. In Batavia itself, these severer shocks are usually felt, though in a lesser degree; and, in the case of the recent disturbances, probably the most stungding on record premantions sounds were heard of so degree; and, in the case of the recent disturbances, probably the most stupendous on record, premonitory sounds were heard of so serious a nature as to cause great alarm. Batavia is a charmingly built city, spread over a large area, and well adapted to the requirements of Europeans in the East. Owing to the prevalence of earth-quakes, the private houses are not built in storeys. They are handsome structures, paved with marble, and verandahs are formed both at the back and the front, or extend entirely around the building. The chief Government offices are situated on the Waterloo Plein (a kind of Champ de Mars, with officers' dwellings surrounding it), and The chief Government offices are situated on the Waterloo Plein (a kind of Champ de Mars, with officers' dwellings surrounding it), and are of considerable extent. In front is a very handsome statue of the illustrious Dutchman, De Witt. On the Koning's Plein, a grassy expanse some two miles in circumference, is the Batavian Museum, and on the grass plot at the entrance stands a singularly beautiful bronze model of an elephant upon a pedestal. This was the gift of the King of Siam, who visited Java some years ago. The Kali Besar (Great River) and Pasar Bahrei (New Market) give glimpses of the native portion of the town, which, being constructed chiefly of bamboo and wood, would undoubtedly be better calculated to withstand earthquake shocks than the brick structures of the Europeans. At Buitenzorg (Sans Souci), an elevated town some thirty-five miles from Batavia, and by so much, therefore, nearer the usual centre of volcanic disturbances, is situated the palace of the Covernor General of the Dutch Fast Indies. It is in the grounds of the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies. It is in the grounds of the magnificent botanical park, containing wonderful arboreal, herbal, and floral treasures, and being in a region which is several degrees cooler than Batavia is the favourite resort of the Viceroy for the time being. - Our sketches are from photographs by Woodbury and Page, Batavia.

H.M.S. "CONQUEROR"

This ship, now fitting out in Chatham Dockyard, will be, when completed, one of the most formidable vessels in the British Navy. Her armament consists of two of the new 43-ton breechloading guns, in a turret protected by 12 inch of compound steel-faced armour, four 6-inch breechloaders, two of which are placed in recessed ports aft, and two on Vavasour carriages, behind shields, amidships on the upper deck. She also carries seven Nordenfeldts, and two Gardner guns aloft in the top, or "upper fortress." Six torpedo ports, three on either side, from which Whitehead torpedoes can be discharged, and a most powerful ram complete her means of

Her engines are by Messrs. Humphreys and Tennant, and at full boiler-power propel the ship at a speed of 15.5 knots.

THE PRESIDENT AND SECTIONAL PRESIDENTS OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION MEETING.

This learned Society meets this year at Southport. Business begins on Wednesday, the 19th inst., after which we shall have more to say on the subject. Our present object is simply to bring before our readers the portraits of the President and of the Sectional Presidents.

Presidents.

Professor Arthur Cayley, the President for the year, was born at Richmond, Surrey, in 1821; he was educated at King's College, London, and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he became Senior Wrangler and first Smith's Prizeman in 1842. He is author of upwards of 600 papers on mathematical subjects, a work on "Elliptic Functions," and no one living, probably, has been elected foreign member of more foreign Societies of the highest rank. He was called to the Bar in 1849. The Times says:—"Even Senior Wranglers speak of him with bated breath and hopeless wonder. No one (except perhaps Professor Sylvester) can even fathom the depth of his mathematical attainments."

Professor Henrici was born in 1840 at Meldorf, Holstein, was originally apprenticed to a mechanical engineer, then studied mathematics at Carlsruhe and Heidelberg. In 1865 he came to England, and was made assistant to Dr. Hirst, Professor of Pure Mathematics at University College, London. He was appointed his successor in 1870, and in 1880 exchanged the chair of Pure for that of Applied Mathematics, which he now holds.

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No biographical details have reached us concerning Dr. J. H. Gladstone; but, says the Times, "the is one of the most eminent of the living English chemists who devote themselves to pure research. No one is more competent to speak of any scientific problem or theory from a purely chemical standpoint."

Professor W. C. Williamson was born at Scarborough in 1806, and began his career as a surgeon; but when the Owens College, Manchester, was established in 1851, he was appointed to the Professorship of Natural History there, and soon made a great reputation as a palæontologist and fossil botanist. Says the Times, "Professor Williamson is as familiar with landscapes of the carboniferous period, its giant vegetation and strange animal life, as if

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Professor Ray Lankester, son of the well-known Coroner, was born in 1847, in Old Burlington Street, and was educated at St. Paul's School and Christ Church, Oxford. He was appointed Fellow and Lecturer of Exeter College, Oxford, in 1872, and Professor of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy in University College, London, in 1874. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1878. He has published a long series of scientific memoirs (dating from 1865), chiefly on Comparative Anatomy and Palæontology, and numerous papers in the scientific journals.

Mr. William Pengelly, F.R.S., F.G.S., was born at East Looe, Cornwall, January 12th, 1812. He is the author of several memoirs and papers on Rainfall, and on the Geology and Palæontology of Devonshire. His collection of Devonian fossils are in the Oxford University Museum. In 1837 Mr. Pengelly re-established the

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From Colonel Godwin-Austen we have not received any notes, but it may be expected that in view of the trigonometrical and topographical work which he has accomplished in India, and, as President of the Geographical Section, he will discourse on the Himalayas.

Himalayas.

Mr. Robert Harry Inglis Palgrave, F.R.S., is the third son of the late Sir Francis Palgrave, K.H., the historian of the Norman Conquest in England. Early in life he turned his attention to Economic subjects, to Statistics, and to Banking questions, having been associated with that business in the Bank of Messrs. Gurneys and Co., Great Yarmouth. He has published several works on subjects connected with Banking and Political Economy, and for the state was a died the Economic newspaper.

subjects connected with Banking and Political Economy, and for some years edited the *Economist* newspaper.

Mr. James Brunlees was born at Kelso, Roxburghshire, 1816, and after a special education for the purpose in Edinburgh, began life as a railway engineer, and assisted in the construction of some of our most important lines, subsequently executing several railways in South America, building docks, piers, &c. He is now President of the Society of Civil Engineers.

Our portraits are from photographs:—Professors Cayley and Ray Lankester by Barraud and Jerrard, 96, Gloucester Place, Portman Square, W.; Professor Henrici by Sawyer, Bird, and Foxlee, 87, Regent Street, W.; Professor W. C. Williamson by Maull, 62, Cheapside, E.C.; Dr. Gladstone by Done and Co., 44, Baker Street, Portman Square, W.; R. H. Inglis Palgrave, Esq., by Sawyer and Bird, Norwich and Varmouth; W. Pengelly, Esq., by Byrne and Co., Hill Street, Richmond; Lieut.-Colonel Godwin Austen by Maull and Fox, 1874, Piccadilly, W.; and James Brunlees, Esq., by Mackintosh and Co., Kelso, N.B.

STATION LIFE IN NEW SOUTH WALES.-I.

THESE engravings represent the experiences of over twenty years of station life in New South Wales, says the artist, Mr. R. N. Mahaffy, of 4, Belgravia Terrace, Simpson Street, East Melbourne. "Mobs" of fat cattle are "travelled" from the inland stations to

Melbourne, Sydney, or the large towns of the gold fields, in droves of from 250 to 500 head. They are very wild, and are especially shy of a man on foot, being accustomed only to see the human biped outside a horse. In the case before us, while the stockmen were enjoying their midday pot of tea, the bullocks have been frightened by two passing bush-tramps, or swagsmen, and have stampeded. The saddle-horses have also joined in the flight, and therefore a

Ing time may elapse before their recapture.

The next sketch depicts one of those terrible disasters which sometimes overtake the solitary bushnian. His horse has thrown him, and his leg is broken. To avoid certain death he must take action to once so he tears some of his deleting interchards and with the leg is the content of the content of the solitary bushnian. at once, so he tears some of his clothes into shreds, and with sticks for splints, makes an *impromptu* bandage, and then crawls towards the nearest water, the temperature being perhaps 100 deg. in the

Young horses when wanted for branding are caught by a long green hide with an iron ring at one end to make the noose. Constant practice enables a man to throw this over a colt's head with the greatest certainty while going round the stockyard at full gallop; when the colt is nearly choked, he can be either thrown down or branded while hanging on the lasso.

Emus possess a fatal spirit of curiosity: they desire closely to inspect anything strange or curious. The aboriginal takes advantage of this weakness, he lies on his belly and kick his heels up in the air, the emu comes to see what this queer animal can be, and gets speared for his pains.

Bullocks are usually slow pacers, but sometimes a team of wild youngsters newly broken in will make as fast and clean a run-away as horses. A horseman then needs all his nag's powers to catch them, for Australian cattle have wonderful travelling powers.

A HORSE FAIR AT MUTTRA, INDIA

From time immemorial in certain sacred spots in India pilgrims have gathered annually to worship, or, combining business with

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religion, they have instituted fairs to be held on these occasions for the sale of horses, cattle, camels, &c.

Of late years, in order to encourage the breeding of a good class of horses throughout the country, Government have apportioned sums of money for prizes to be given to the owners of the best animals shown for sale at the chief fairs.

On these occasions men of all classes, castes, and tribes are collected, as various as the kinds of animals they bring for sale or come to buy. The English "sporting" man looking for a likely horse or pony for racing or selling purposes, the native rajah seeking a cream-coloured nag, the Kabuli horse-dealer showing off a steed with its head tied in to its chest, the native cavalry officer looking for remounts, the British subaltern in want of a polo pony, the lean grass-cutter investing in a "tat" up to carrying eighty pounds weight of grass—all are to be found there.

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The scene is always an interesting as well as an amusing one, for there are often over 50,000 horses collected together, most of them in the hands of Indian horse-copers, who are not a whit inferior to their white brothers in the art of "making up" a horse for sale, and of presenting a hesitating customer. and of persuading a hesitating customer.

THE FUNERAL OF THE COMTE DE CHAMBORD

THE obsequies of the Comte de Chambord took place at Göritz on September 3rd. The funeral cortège was very imposing. It comprised the members of all the Corporations of the town, bearing tapers. The funeral car was drawn by six horses, while another car was laden with wreaths and immortelles. The Orleans Princes did not attend the obsequies, a difficulty about precedence having arisen. The Prince of Thurn and Taxis represented the Emperor of Austria, and after him came Don Juan, the Duke of Parma, the Grand Duke of Tuscany, Don Carlos, Don Alfonso, Count Bardi, and about 5,000 French loyalists. They were followed by French deputations, bearing banners and wreaths. Among them were working men's delegations from Paris, Lyons, and Brittany. The route was lined by infantry. Ahout 50,000 foreigners were present at the ceremony. THE obsequies of the Comte de Chambord took place at Göritz

THE ORIGINAL DESIGN FOR THE WELLINGTON MONUMENT IN ST. PAUL'S

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On March 23rd, 1878 (No. 434), we published an engraving and description of this memorial, which had then been just opened to the public after eighteen years of expectation. In consequence of the interest which has lately been taken in this subject, we now place before our readers an engraving of Mr. Alfred Stevens's original design, from which they will perceive that the whole was intended to be surmounted by an equestrian statue of the Duke on the upper platform, and that all the other details were intended to lead up to this. The omission of the statue, therefore, has had somewhat of the same prejudicial effect on the work of the late lamented sculptor, as if the dinouement of his story should be cut out of a novelist's third volume.

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The general features of the monument may be conveniently repeated here. There is a white marble sarcophagus, bearing the recumbent effigy of the great Duke. Above this rises an arched canopy, supported on eight white marble columns, in which a bold use has been made of bronze, and particularly in the fine groups at each end of the cornice of the canopy, representing Truth plucking out the tongue of Falsehood, and Valour subduing Cowardice.

"ENVY, HATRED, AND MALICE"

Poor Mouton is here in a very unpleasant predicament. His mistress, that careful menagère, Madame Soignesonhomme has packed a tempting little lunch in a basket, not forgetting a cooling salad and a bottle of ordinaire, and has despatched it to her goodman by their fourfooted help. The savoury dejeuner, however, has been quickly scented out by a quintette of cauine acquaintances, who are using all the blandishments and threats in the canine repertory to induce Mouton to prove unfaithful to his trust, and share the contents of the basket amongst them. Mouton is proof, however, against all Mouton to prove untaithful to his trust, and share the contents of the basket amongst them. Mouton is proof, however, against all arguments. The sneers of that envious Teuton, Herr Dachshund, the threats of the hybrid descendant of that English robber, Mr. Dogue, and of his sporting companion to the right, or the malicious snappings of M. Terrier, the expatriated Hibernian, fail alike to move him; while, if violence is attempted, he knows that he can hold his own. Mild as they are in appearance, proclass are not doze to be trifted him; while, if violence is attempted, he knows that he can hold his own. Mild as they are in appearance, poodles are not dogs to be trifled with, and few people in this country are aware what capital housedogs they make, and how eager they are to defend their master and mistress in case of need. Moreover, their fighting powers are considerable—far greater, indeed, than those of many dogs which are specially credited with a talent for canine warfare. With all this they are as gentle and docile as the sheep after which in France they are called, are wonderful playmates for children, and are capable of the highest possible training. Indeed, Mr. Zügel has done wisely in depicting the poodle as a trustworthy guardian, for there is little in his nature of envy, hatred, and malice, or, indeed, any kind of uncharitableness. uncharitableness.

"THIRLBY HALL"

A NEW STORY, by W. E. Norris, illustrated by William Small, is continued on page 277.

ON THE RIDEAU CANAL, CANADA

"The scene of our tour," says Mr. R. W. Rutherford, of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, to whom we are indebted for our sketches, "was on the Rideau Canal and River, a waterway built by the Royal Engineers, in 1826-32, to connect Kingston, on Lake Ontario, with Ottawa.

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"For such excursions, canoes built of cedar and other woods, copper-fastened, polished, and 'with all the modern improvements,' &c., are now generally used; but our craft on this occasion was the genuine birch bark of the red man, and well it did its work. The only modern innovation we had in its outfit was our sail, which proved most useful, as is shown in one of the sketches. Our crew consisted of three—'Skeeter,' bow paddle; 'Dozer,' skipper, who, by the way, also acted as chief cook, though we all tried our hands at it; and 'Knibbs,' your special artist, who had rather an easy time of it, doing ballast in the middle of the canoe most of the time (from whence the sketches of our 'End Men' were taken). Our 'Chipuaquagon,' which I have depicted, was a wonderful one,

time (from whence the sketches of our 'End Men' were taken). Our 'Chipuaquagon,' which I have depicted, was a wonderful one, consisting of the tough root of a tree bent by nature to the proper shape, with the proper crook in it to sling our kettle on.

"The well, too, was picturesque as well as useful, for it gave us fresh water as cold as ice itself, which was, indeed, a luxury we appreciated, with the thermometer 100° in the shade. The sketch of the two smokers having a quiet 'rubber' together shows what we were driven to resort to in the evenings by the myriads of mosquitos and other insects attracted by the camp fire, indeed they mosquitos and other insects attracted by the camp fire, indeed they became so numerous as to compel our retreat under canvas. Our return home was lightened by a beautiful moon, and a charming scene it was as we paddled along the winding courses of the river, with the shadows of the trees on either side, and our bark floating over the water with barely a ripple."

ON THE MEUSE

Most people know that in the south-eastern corner of Belgium there is a hilly, wooded region of rapid streams, waterfalls, and wonderful caverns, quite unlike the flat and fertile plains of Flanders; but many may not beaware that by the circular tours of the Great Eastern Railway Company, viâ Harwich, this picturesque district may be as conveniently and economically visited as Wales, Devonshire, or Cumberland. Our sketches begin at Parkeston Quay, Harwich, where the G. E. R. have erected one of the most commodious steamboat quays we have ever seen. The traveller having reached Antwerp, passes by rail (stopping if he pleases) through numerous Belgian cities, including, of course, that pretty miniature Paris,

At Namur, the Forest of the Ardennes, a wild mountainous district, much of which, however, is now enclosed and cultivated, may be said to begin. It extends considerably over the border into France. The Valley of the Meuse, above Namur, is narrow, and enclosed by wooded hills and frowning cliffs. A good deal of this charming scenery can be seen from the railway which skirts the river bank, but still more is visible from the steamer which plies between Namur and Dinant. Above Bouvigne stands the old ruined tower of Crevecceur. It was from this tower in 1554 that three beautiful women, the sole survivors of a siege by the French, threw themselves headlong. Dinant, where a stay of some days may be pleasantly made, is very picturesquely situated at the base of steep limestone cliffs, the summit of which is crowned by a fortress. The River Meuse (here almost as wide as the Thames at Richmond) is spanned by a bridge; some of the old houses near this bridge, with their projecting storeys held up by timber props, are very curious.

The Rocher Bayard is a kind of natural gateway, formed by detached masses of rock on the left, and a bold and isolated pinnacle of rock on the right. Waulsort and Hastière are both pretty villages, and the Château de Vêve is interesting from the desolation of its interior. It recals Hood's poem of "The Haunted House." Givet is just across the French frontier. A fine view of the town, with its fortifications and the windings of the Meuse, is obtained from the top of a neighbouring hill.



A SEA VOYAGE seems now the fashionable cure for weary statesmen in the vacation. Mr. Gladstone, after delighting his admirers once more by felling a decaying tree in Hawarden Park, embarked on Saturday at Barrow in Messrs. Currie and Co.'s "floating hotel," the Pembroke Castle, for a cruise along the West of Scotland, which may even be extended as far as Norway. On Monday he visited Oban, and explored from thence the ruins of the old Highland Castle of Dunstaffnage. An invitation to address the Liberals of Barrow was promptly negatived. The Premier is accompanied by the Poet Laureate and Sir Andrew Clarke, the last rather as agreeable compagnon de voyage than medical adviser. Sir S. Northcote leaves the Pynes in a few days to brace himself by a cruise in Northern waters for the arduous work of animating to renewed exertions the Conservatives of Belfast in the first days of October, and the Conservatives of North Wales on the 22nd. The President of the Board of Trade has reached Stornoway in the Trinity yacht Galatea, and will proceed from the Lewes to the Orkneys in one of those trips which combine a little business with a vast deal of pleasure. Sir T. Brassey takes the Sunbeam about the middle of the month to the West Indies. The Chancellor of the Exchequer is said to contemplate a voyage to the United States.

LORD HARTINGTON, as the representative of the Cabinet at the Sheffield Cutlers' Feast, was severe on the obstruction of business by idle questions and motions for adjournment, only intended to delay what cannot be averted. On a sudden, all this ceases, and the Government for some months is left undisturbed. So far as foreign affairs are concerned, Lord Hartington clearly would not regret if this latter state were to endure for ever.—At the banquet of the Lancashire Agricultural Society, at Liverpool, Lord Derby threw some cold water on the advocates of great changes in the relations between landlords and tenants. Land, he maintained, could be bought in large or small quantities by any one who had the money, and till he saw more buying and less talking he must think that the cry for peasant proprietors was rather speculative than real. The extra expense attending the purchase of small holdings could be easily met by forming land companies. Neither did he think the tenant would gain much—in Lancashire, at all events—by any change which went to make the landlord the holder of a rent-charge, and would so prevent him from spending his money on improvements. Such legislation was, like medicine, good for sick men, but useless, or worse, for those in robust health—At a meeting between the members for Northampton and their constituents, Mr. Bradlaugh again declared that he will obstruct all business until the House had considered his claims. The where and how the electors must leave to him.—Of more importance is Mr. Chamberlain's opinion that the assimilation of the borough and county franchise is as much as Government can possibly carry.

THE DEATH OF MR. HUGH BIRLEY, the respected Conservative Member for Manchester, at the age of 66, has caused a vacancy in the minority seat, with respect to which nothing will be done until after the funeral. The Conservatives have a candidate ready in Mr. Houldsworth, who polled over 20,000 votes in 1880, and a Dr. Pankhurst means to come forward as an independent Radical. The Irish electors claim to hold the balance of power between the two parties.

THE STRIKE AMONG THE ASHTON WEAVERS seems further than ever from a settlement, the hands accusing the employers of underhand devices to reduce wages, the employers maintaining that the question is too intricate to be settled by arbitration or at public meetings. At Clitheroe and elsewhere a levy in aid of a penny a loom has been resolved upon. At Glossop, in Derbyshire, 3,000 weavers have struck work, professedly because the masters will only give seven days' notice before enforcing the Blackburn list. The question really at issue throughout all the district is whether the admitted slackness of trade should be remedied by short hours and limitation of out-put, or, as the masters say, by temporary reduction of wages.

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL TRADE CONGRESS was opened on Monday in thriving Nottingham, when Mr. T. Smith was elected President. His inaugural address dwelt chiefly on the good already done by Trades Unions, and on the advantages of co-operation to enable labour to obtain its fair share of profits. The necessity of more inspectors under the Factory Act and of extending and amending the Employers' Liability Act were the chief among the other topics discussed.

Very General Regret has been expressed in Ireland at the death—it might almost be said in harness—of the Lord Chancellor, the Right Hon. Hugh Law. Mr. Law, who succeeded Lord O'Hagan in 1881, had always been more of a lawyer than a politician, and had won golden opinions on the Bench for legal knowledge and unvarying courtesy. At the next meeting of the Dublin Town Council, the Lord Mayor and Sir J. Barrington for once united in a tribute of respect to the memory of "honest Hugh Law." His death has caused the postponement of Lord Spencer's visit to the North.—In the event of the Attorney-General being raised to the Bench, the Nationalists will make a bold try for Derry: Mr. Killeen, a barrister and ex-suspect, has issued an address to the voters of Limerick.—Mr. Davitt and his friends have been pursuing vigorously their open-air campaigns for the abolition of land-

lordism and "Castle rule" in Waterford and Tipperary. Mr. Davitt's exertions appear to have brought on an attack of sore throat, which may prevent further displays of oratory.—The Local Government Board has written to the Loughrea Guardians, directing that Peckham, the relieving officer who disobeyed orders in not visiting the pauper Burke from the 7th to the 14th of July, be called upon to resign. Should he refuse, a sealed order will be sent for his dismissal. Dr. Bourke, the medical officer, is gravely censured, and the Dispensary Committee are requested to report as to his general conduct, and to say whether they have still confidence in him.—Another alleged attempt to defraud the Government by false statements to enable tenants to profit by the Arrears Act has resulted in the committal of Mr. A. Connolly, J.P., for trial at Tullamore. The extreme penalty is two years' hard labour, or a fine of 500%.—The six men under arrest at the same place for the murder of Police-constable Brown have been discharged, the evidence against them being considered insufficient by the Crown lawyers.—Dr. Cameron's analysis of the beef cooked for Mr. Leigh's labourers has shown that the meat was unfit for human food.—Nine of the Dublin detective force have been summoned to London to give evidence at the forthcoming trial of O'Donnell, when some curious revelations are anticipated as to the way in which the approver Carey was sent abroad.—Mr. Clifford Lloyd has issued a farewell address to the constabulary lately under his command. He will be permitted, it is said, to take to Egypt a limited number of volunteers to form a police force in that country. The men who engage will have a year of grace, during which their old appointments will be kept open for them.—The nine men arrested for complicity in the recent dynamite outrages at Glasgow have been committed for trial under the Act of Vict. 11 and 12, "for the better security of the Crown and Kingdom." The youngest, T. M'Dermott, is ascertained to have made purchases of glycerine

THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION has been holding its sixth annual meeting at Liverpool this week, under the presidency of Sir J. A. Picton. Some interesting papers were read on Libraries in America and Lancashire, and on Tuesday there was a visit to Lord Derby's famous library at Knowsley. On Thursday the members were entertained at dinner by the Mayor.

THE COUNCIL OF THE SOUTH WALES UNIVERSITY filled up the vacancies on the staff last week, with the exception of the posts of teacher of German, and demonstrators of Chemistry and Physics, the nomination to which was deferred. The new Senate held its first meeting the next day.

THE ADJOURNED INQUEST on the victims of the fire at Southall Park was resumed on the 6th, when Mr. Freir attended on behalf of the Commissioners in Lunacy. He could not, however, produce a copy of any rules or regulations for the safety of asylums in case of fire. An iron staircase outside the building had been recommended, but the suggestion had not been carried out through fear of burglars. The jury added a rider to their verdict to the effect that the Commissioners should have exercised greater vigilance in providing against the risk of fire.

Two Lives, of an old man and a boy, were lost at Westminster on Monday night by the burning of the Old Star and Crown tavern shortly after closing hours. The barman, who effected his escape, was unable to rouse the victims in time.

A SUCCESSFUL BALLOON VOYAGE across the Channel was accomplished on Sunday after several failures by the French aëronaut, M. L'Hoste. The start was made from Boulogne at 5 F.M., and the descent effected in a lonely spot near Folkestone about II. M. L'Hoste slept for the night by the side of his balloon, and returned to France by steamer the next day.

A Long-standing Feud between the Warwickshire Police and the subjects of a gipsy "King," who has been "wanted" for some time for an assault upon a pound-keeper, ended on Sunday after one previous repulse in a victory for the police. A cordon of constables was drawn round the camp, and the "King," Isaac Smith, and his son Fred made prisoners after a stout resistance. Two other sons, Isaiah and Micah, escaped by swimming the canal.

In Consequence of the numerous applications sent in for the office of hangman, Sir W. Harcourt has thought it advisable to state that "it is neither the right nor the duty of the Secretary of State to make any such appointment." The duty of engaging a fitting person to carry out the sentence of the law rests with the Sheriff, who is the person charged with the execution of capital sentences.—The inquest on the body of Marwood showed clearly that he had died from acute pneumonia.

A Mysterious Case of Starping in a Car was reported.

A MYSTERIOUS CASE OF STABBING IN A CAB was reported to the police on Friday last. A Mr. Mundee, who had been drinking freely with his cabman on the previous evening, stopped the cab on his way home to take a female up, first handing to the cabman his watch and chain. The woman, after a while, got out, and Mr. Mundee, when the cab stopped, was found bleeding from a severe wound in the chest. No traces of the female have been discovered, and the young gentleman, who is now in the Royal Free Hospital, professes total ignorance of all that occurred.

BESIDES THE DEATHS of the Lord Chancellor for Ireland and Mr. Birley, come tidings from Newfoundland of the decease of the Governor, Sir F. Maxse; well-known in Germany as seventeen years Governor of Heligoland, and translator of some of Prince Bismarck's familiar letters. Art has to mourn the loss of W. Cole, the well-known landscape painter, and father of the still better known Vicat Cole; and diplomacy that of G. F. Gould, for some years British Minister at Stuttgardt.

MR. DUTTON COOK.—We regret to record the death of this accomplished writer, with whom the editor of this journal had enjoyed the privilege of some twenty years of friendship. Mr. Cook died very suddenly on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at his residence, Gloucester Terrace, Regent's Park. He was the son of a solicitor, and was originally intended for his father's profession, but after some years he turned his attention to literature and art. He published several novels, the first of which, "Paul Foster's Daughter," a story of artist life, at once established his reputation; he also wrote numerous short stories and essays, and was an excellent judge of pictures, but he has latterly been chiefly known as a dramatic critic, his articles, first in the Pall Mall Gazette, and latterly in the World, under the signature "D. C.," having attracted considerable notice. Many of these criticisms were lately reprinted, under the title of "Nights at the Play." Mr. Cook had previously published several other books on theatrical topics, concerning which, since the death of the late Mr. Oxenford, he was perhaps the best living authority. Mr. Cook had been a frequent contributor to this journal from its commencement. He was one of the most painstaking, methodical, and punctual of writers; a most agreeable conversationalist, and in every way a credit and ornament to the profession to which he had adopted. Mr. Cook, who was born in 1832, married a few years ago Miss Linda Scates, a young lady of high musical reputation. By her he leaves one child, a daughter.

BEDFORD COLLEGE, LONDON.—The Council of this College (which is for ladies only) announce that the session will begin on Thursday, October 11th. An inaugural lecture will be given on Wednesday, October 10th, by the Rev. Mark Pattison, Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, at 4 P.M. Prospectuses, containing full particulars of fees; &c., may be obtained at the College, 8 and 9, York Place, Baker Street, by application to the Secretary.



THE QUEEN is stated to intend having her memoirs compiled by a Scotch lady, now living at Kensington.

"THE AMERICAN SARAH BERNHARDT" is the title given by Gallic critics to Mrs. Langtry, who is now studying in Paris.

HENRI CONSCIENCE, the Flemish novelist, has just died at the age of seventy. Only three weeks ago his birthplace Antwerp inaugurated a statue of the writer.

A Large Number of Base Sovereigns are now in circulation, so that persons changing bank-notes should look carefully at the gold received. These coins are remarkably well finished, and contain about 7s. 6d. worth of gold.

A Loan Collection of Modern Paintings is now open

A LOAN COLLECTION OF MODERN PAINTINGS is now open every evening to the public at the Free Library, Upper Kennington Lane, through the kindness of Mr. Taylor, M.P. The lending library has also been reopened for the winter season.

A VERY SIMPLE REMEDY FOR A WASP STING is being suggested now that fatalities have recently occurred through these insect pests. The juice or pulp of a raw onion should be placed on the affected spot, or a raw slice should be slowly chewed and swallowed, if the inside of the mouth or throat be stung. Another easy cure recommended is laundress's blue.

Mr. Henry Irving will be entertained in New York by Mr. Vanderbilt, the well-known Transatlantic millionaire, who has prepared a special suite of apartments for his guest. Mr. Irving will have a sitting-room looking into Fifth Avenue, a study, bed-room, and dressing-room, while at his particular request a huge mirror has been bought for the actor to study and pose before the glass in private.

ALPINE TRICYCLING does not seem to be a very satisfactory mode of recreation, judging from the experiences of two cyclists communicated to a contemporary. These gentlemen rode across Switzerland in nine days from Basle to Viesch viâ Lucerne and the Brunig and Gemmi Passes, and came to the conclusion that the amount of labour and fatigue was certainly not compensated by the result. The roads were very heavy, and the laboriousness of the ascents were only equalled by the difficulties of the descents, particularly on the Gemmi, where the riders were obliged to engage two porters to help convey the machines down the deep descent to Leukerbad.

The Colonnade of Old Burlington House has lain in a dismembered condition in Battersea Park ever since it was pulled down, fifteen years ago, and it is now suggested to embody both the façade and colonnade in the main entrance to the new Exhibition buildings being constructed in the park. The main idea of the colonnade was taken from a palace by Palladio at Vicenza, and both this and the façade were erected in 1718 by Richard Boyle, Earl of Burlington, from his own designs, according to Horace Walpole, and were considered amongst the finest pieces of architecture in Europe. The authorship of the design, however, is also claimed by Colin Campbell.

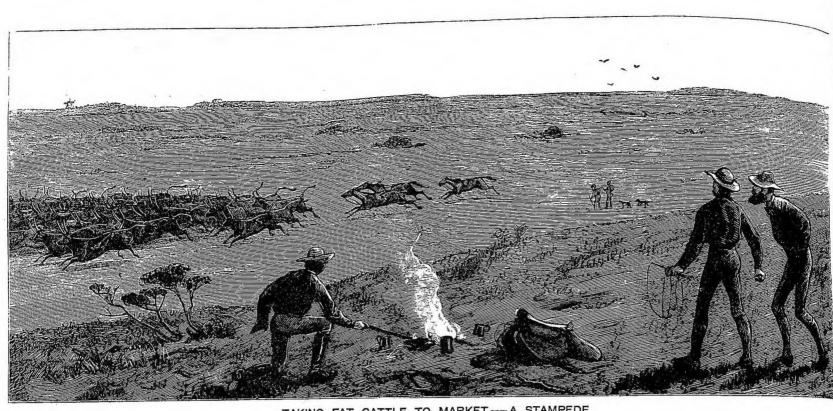
CHINESE SUZERAINTY OVER ANNAM can be traced back for nine centuries, ever since the Emperor I. Tsu, "with an axe made of precious stone, marked the southern sky as the boundary line of his dominions, and exclaimed, 'Beyond this nothing belongs to me.'" So at least declares a recent statement in the North China Herald, which is asserted to embody the official views of the Pekin Government. But China has been obliged before now to use force to assert her claims in the tributary province. For 300 years the reigning princes of Annam came from the Chinese Royal family, but after that time the Kingdom longed for independence, and the Celestial armies were twice despatched to exterminate the rebels, and to restore the rightful king to his throne.

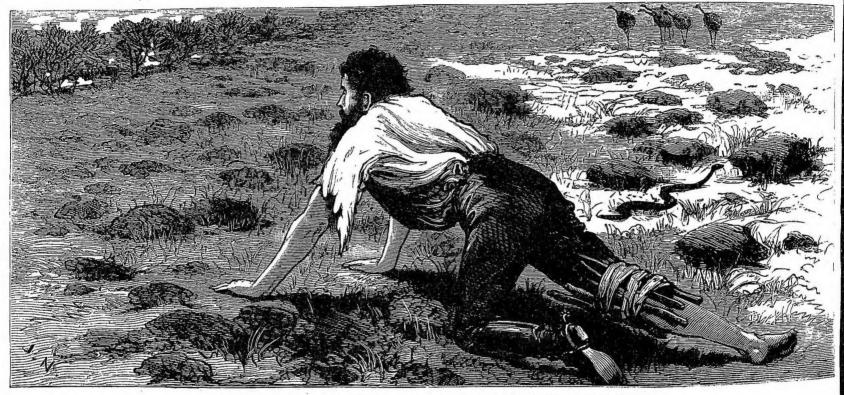
The Working-Classes in New York seem to be little better off than their London brethren, notwithstanding the superior advantages generally supposed to be enjoyed by Transatlantic workmen. Of late years wages have decreased and prices have risen, houseroom has grown more scarce and expensive as the population increases; and, judging from the New York Christian Union's account of the reports laid before the Senatorial Committee now studying the labour question, the condition of the majority of the working-classes is truly serious. Before the war tailors earned 5% weekly, now they can only get 1%, 125°, and the price for making a coat has diminished from 12° or 16° to 4°. Bakers work from 2 P.M. to 8 A.M. for a mere pittance, and are never sure of constant employment, and other trades are on much the same footing.

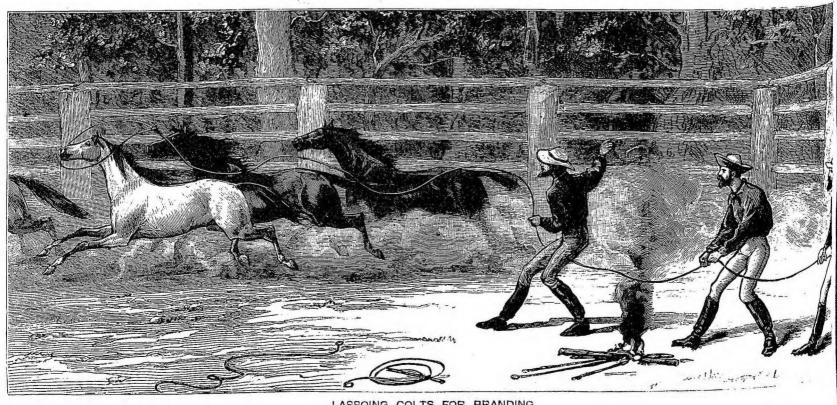
IVAN TOURGENIEFF, the well-known Russian author, who has just died, lived in Paris for many years in a house in the Rue Donai belonging to Madame Pauline Viardot, the singer. The house is small, and stands in a garden containing splendid trees, while Tourgenieff's study was tiny, and crowded to the utmost with furniture, books, and nicknacks. Traces of his nationality were visible in the trophies of reindeer horns and furs ornamenting the staircase, and on the walls of the study itself scenes of Muscovite life alternated with the works of famous French painters, one splendid Russian landscape hanging opposite the author's writingtable. Tourguenieff's white hair and beard seemed, so his friends said, as if they had been snowed upon during the long Russian winter, but otherwise he was decidedly young-looking for his sixty-four years. His smile was particularly sweet, and he spoke rather slowly and with hesitation.

LONDON MORTALITY continues low, and the deaths last week numbered 1,257, against 1,292 during the previous seven days, being a decline of 35, and 160 below the average, while the death-rate fell to 16 6 per 1,000—the lowest return since September, 1881. There were 87 deaths from diarrheea and dysentery (a rise of 13), 85 from enteric fever (an increase of 64), 43 from scarlet fever (a rise of 3), 22 from whooping cough (a decrease of 5), 19 from measles (a decrease of 38) 14 from diphtheria (a fall of 5), 2 from simple cholera (a decline of 7), and one apiece from typhus and small-pox. The fatal cases of diseases of the respiratory organs rose from 148 to 156, but were 6 below the average. Different forms of violence caused 51 deaths, of which 45 resulted from negligence or accident. There were 2,434 births registered against 2,448 in the previous return, being 194 below the average. The mean temperature was 54 7 deg., and 4 7 deg. below the average.

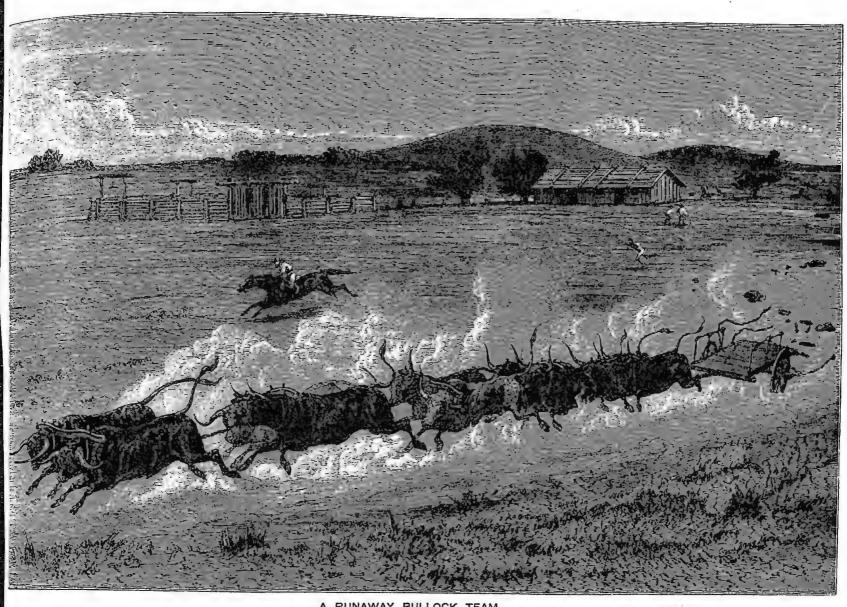
The Calcutta Exhibition is fast outgrowing its original intended proportions, and its promoters are sparing no pains to make the undertaking a success and to have everything ready by the opening day, Dec. 4. Fresh departments are being planned, and the latest projects are an aquarium, containing fish from all parts of the country; a monster captive balloon, like that at the Paris Exhibition of 1878; a Ladies' Court, illustrating the various styles of handiwork executed by women in India; and a live stock show from all quarters of the globe. Certainly the Ethnological Court, with its models representing the aboriginal tribes of the country, will be one of the most attractive sections; and while many of these natives have been modelled at home, great interest has been aroused by the arrival of several Andaman and Nicobar islanders in Calcutta for this purpose. The islanders are housed in the Zoological Gardens, where they have constructed native huts, and spend most of their time squatting under a huge tree and airing the English they have learnt from the Zoo' officials, which consists of "Good Morning" and "give me two rupees."



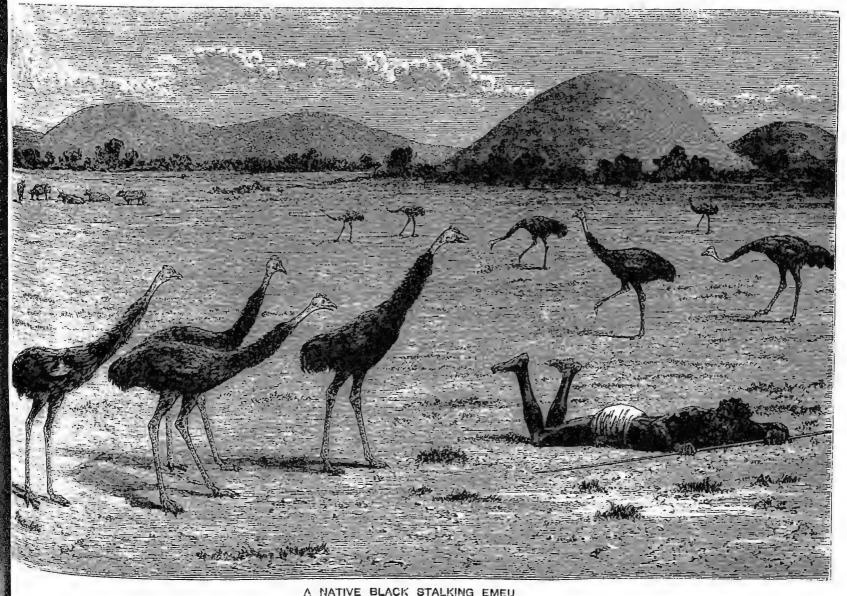




LASSOING COLTS FOR BRANDING



A RUNAWAY BULLOCK TEAM



A NATIVE BLACK STALKING EMEU



The delicate relations between France and China form the most important topic of the week. While French and Celestial diplomatists are discussing and negotiating in Paris there seems no small danger that excitement in China may cause war at any moment, and so completely alter the character of events, which were apparently taking a pacific turn. For what little is known of the consultations between M. Challemel-Lacour and the Marquis Tseng plainly shows that though neither side is willing to yield its pretensions, both are amicably inclined, the French Foreign Minister having sensibly modified his attitude. So far, only preliminary pour farlers have gone on in order to find some satisfactory basis for definitive negotiations. Evidently France will have to eat humble-pie by negotiating mainly on the basis of the rejected Bourée Treaty, and, as several journals pertinently ask, if this be the case, why has France wasted lives and money in Tonkin merely to return to a position held before all these troubles? Thus the two points prominently insisted on by China are the maintenance of her Sovereignty over Annam, and the creation of a neutral zone. The latter clause proved the most objectionable part of the Bourée Treaty, as this neutral territory is particularly rich ground, and is the very district most wanted by the French. The Hué agreement is temporarily ignored, and indeed appears to be one more proof of that trop de zide which has before led France into Colonial troubles, for M. Harmand, the Civil Commissioner in Tonkin, seems to have undertaken the bombardment of Hué and the subsequent proceedings principally upon his own responsibility. Moreover, until this convention receive Parliamentary approval it cannot be submitted to China at all. And now another difficulty has arisen respecting the reinforcements to Tonkin, as the French forces there are thoroughly inadequate, while the despatch of fresh troops under present circumstances may easily arouse Chinese war-feeling. The Government, however, has chosen the l instalment on the plea that their action cannot be regarded as an evidence of hostility against the Celestial Empire, as only the chastisement of rebels and the "purifying of the French flag" are in

Already indeed this anticipation has been partially fulfilled, for there has been a serious riot against the Europeans at Canton, and there can be little doubt that recent French aggression has in the main led to this outburst against foreigners. When a European there can be little doubt that recent French aggression has in the main led to this outburst against foreigners. When a European coasting steamer reached Canton on Monday a native porter attempting to board her was accidentally drowned, and the disaster so enraged the Chinese that a mob gathered and stoned the vessel. As the steamer got out of the way the mob attacked and burned the European warehouses, and rioted unchecked for five hours, until the Chinese troops arrived to restore order. Foreign residents the Chinese troops arrived to restore order. Foreign residents were naturally in a state of panic, and took refuge on any European vessels at hand, but, happily, the natives did not attempt any personal violence. Still, many foreigners are leaving, and two British vessels have gone up to help, their protection indeed being greatly needed in an exposed colony like Canton, where the British settlement lies in the midst of a shallow river, surrounded by the native population, and could be effectually cut off by the water-way being closed. For some time the Chinese have shown a very haughty spirit towards foreigners in Canton and Hong Kong, European prestige being decidedly lowered by the recent French reverses. War feeling runs high, particularly as China is well prepared, and is by no means the insignificant enemy of some twenty years since. On the other hand, in France itself popular opinion generally condemns war, and the French Press is unusually opinion generally condemns war, and the French Press is unusually moderate and pacific.

Affairs in Madagascar are in abeyance, and the chief inover of the Tamatave incident has passed away, Admiral Pierre having died soon after his return home. His correspondence with the British authorities on the subject has been published, and the harshness of his letter to Commander Johnstone, of the Dryad, strangely contrasts with his courteous reply to the Governor of Mauritius, who interceded for Mrs. Shaw. Royalists, too, have subsided into quiet; and while Don Carlos formally protests that he belongs to Spain alone, the Comtesse de Chambord explains the recent precedence arrangement at the Count's funeral as due to her husband's express wish, and not implying her refusal to recognise husband's express wish, and not implying her refusal to recognise the Orleans Princes' "indisputable rights." Politics, by the way, found no place in the Count's will, which bequeaths the bulk of his property to the Countess, and at her death to his nephews, the Duke of Parma and Count Bardi. Neither the Orleans Princes nor Don Carlos are mentioned.

Paris is waking up for the winter season. The first triennial Salon opens to-day (Saturday), and theatrical novelties have abounded, the most noteworthy being one of M. Jules Verne's marvellous spectacular pieces, Kéraban le Têtu, at the Gaîté, and an amusing but highly Gallic farce at the Palais Royal—Prêtez moi an amusing but highly Gallic farce at the Palais Royal—Prêtez moi ta Femme, by M. Desvallières. The chief item of gossip, however, has been M. Rochefort's insulting tirade against Italy and King Humbert, accusing the King of pocketing the French subscriptions for Ischia, while he and his "reptiles" were urging Germany to annihilate France. This abuse produced a challenge from a young Italian Lieutenant, who, when M. Rochefort refused to fight, waylaid the journalist, and caused a scene in the street. The Italian Press have been furious, and wanted to send back all the French money. The provinces have been occupied with the unveiling of a statue, with great festivities, of Lafayette at Le Puy, where France and the United States indulged in plentiful mutual compliments.

The military manœuvres in Germany have been inaugurated this week near Merseburg, in Saxony, but though the Emperor follows the proceedings, the grand operations do not begin until next week near Homburg. Then for ten days elaborate army manœuvres will alternate with various festivities, including the unveiling of the Colossal National Monument at Rüdesheim, and Princes and foreign representatives from all countries are rapidly gathering round the Emperor. Besides British Royalty, the Crown Prince of Portugal is one of the guests, and King Alfonso of Spain comes on the conclusion of his stay at Vienna, his visit being still the theme of unlimited discussion. Spain is universally of Spain comes on the conclusion of his stay at Vienna, his visit being still the theme of unlimited discussion. Spain is universally credited with the wish to enter the Triple Alliance of Austria, Germany, and Italy, and it is thought that this relation will be definitively cemented during the King's visit to Germany. A more peaceful theme is another Luther celebration, held this week at Wittenberg. The Crown Prince attended some of the festivities, which chiefly comprised religious services and much speechifying.

As yet the agitation in AUSTRIA has not been quelled, and affairs in Croatia go from bad to worse. Here the movement has a two-fold cause. Socialist agitators systematically stir up the Croats, while the peasantry further revolt against heavy taxation and the harshness of the Hungarian revenue officials, so that the race antipathy which has been smouldering ever since Croatia was re-annexed to Hungary, on the reconstruction of the Dual Empire sixteen years ago, needs but a spark to set it aflame. The Croats in the Hungarian Diet have long demanded independence, particularly in financial matters, the movement not being confined

to ignorant peasants alone. Crushed in one place, the rioting breaks out in another, till the whole province is affected, and the military can make so little headway against the rioters that every precaution is being taken to prevent the disaffection spreading to Styria. Thus, so far, the Special Royal Commissioner, Baron Ramberg has done little good. His proclamation, announcing that he must restore the Hungarian arms, and re-introduce the bi-lingual notices in order to demonstrate that political questions cannot be settled by street riots, produced a countercircular recommending nationalists to manifest every sign of mourning, and to place the Austrian arms near the Hungaro-Croatian arms, as a proof that they are loyal to the Emperor while demanding independence. Again, although the Hungarian arms were duly replaced on the official buildings at Agram with great formality, rioters subsequently stoned the buildings, and were only dispersed with difficulty. Then the insurrectionists turned afresh both against the Jews and many Christian landlords—a story which is repeated nearly all over the province. tionists turned afresh both against the Jews and many Christian landlords—a story which is repeated nearly all over the province. Socialism, too, has again burst out in Vienna, where, after several serious incendiary fires, a large workmen's revolutionary demonstration took place, and caused a conflict with the troops and the police. Accordingly, in the present state of parties it was thought advisable to curtail the festivities commemorating the bi-centenary of the deliverance of Vienna from the Turks, as while the Poles claimed the sole honour for their king, Sobieski, both the Viennese and the Czechs put forth rival claims for their own heroes. So the great popular festival was abandoned, and the chief ceremonies consisted of the unveiling of a commemorative tablet on the Kahlenberg, where the relieving army appeared, and the laying of the finishing stone of the new Town Hall by the Emperor.

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A coup d'état has deeply stirred BULGARIA, following on Prince Alexander's efforts to tales the reins in his own hands, and form a National Cabinet. As this was impossible against the opposition of the Russian Generals Soboleff and Kaulbars, who have been actually governing the province, the Prince requested the former to leave Bulgaria. But the Generals produced instructions from the Czar bidding them leave their rocts under all circumstances: and this refusal was But the Generals produced instructions from the Czar bidding them keep their posts under all circumstances; and this refusal was followed by the Russian Diplomatic Agent presenting an ultimatum requiring the Prince to abandon his unlimited powers and his rights of signing decrees and making laws, to convoke the Assembly to revise the Constitution, and to leave the administration to the obnoxious Russian Generals. These terms were at first indignantly refused, but resistance was useless, and the Prince eventually gave way. Now the Assembly has been summoned for to-day (Saturday) refused, but resistance was useless, and the Prince eventually gave way. Now the Assembly has been summoned for to-day (Saturday) ostensibly to examine certain conventions, and the Prince is a virtual prisoner. Continental opinion suspects that Prince Alexander will be removed if obdurate, and another Russian candidate set up—possibly Prince Karageorgevitch. A pleasant prospect this for Servia, to see her Pretender at her very doors, considering the Russian preponderance in the dominions of Karageorgevitch's Montenegrin father-in-law. These circumstances lend additional colour to the belief that Roumania has been admitted to the Triple Alliance as a protection against Russian designs. Alliance as a protection against Russian designs.

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Cholera is gradually disappearing from EGYPT, and before taking up his winter quarters at Cairo, the Khédive is visiting those towns in the Nile Delta which suffered most. The various Commissions are assiduously investigating the origin and conditions of the disease, and generally assert the epidemic to have been true Asiatic cholera. Now that Sir Evelyn Baring has reached Cairo, it is hoped that some reform will be possible in the working of the Government, Sir E. Malet having been considerably hampered by his duties being merely temporary. In the Soudan General Hicks is steadily pursuing the Mahdi, and hopes to commence fighting shortly. merely temporary. In the Soudan General Hicks is st pursuing the Mahdi, and hopes to commence fighting shortly.

At last the official opinions on the Ilbert Bill have been published in India, and show a most decided majority against the measure. By some telegraphic error, the reports were at first declared to favour the Bill; but subsequent inquiry exactly reversed the verdict. Figures differ considerably in the various accounts; but the main result is the same—one firm condemnation of any power being granted to natives to try Europeans. Naturally the provincial opinions depend much upon the likelihood of the special districts being affected by the innovation; but Bengal and Assam, which would feel the change more deeply than any other province, cannot count a single favourable voice. Public opinion in general is divided into three classes—i.e., favouring acceptance, compromise or withdrawal—and the chief adverse reasons argue that the Bill will not only jeopardise the personal safety of Europeans, but will inevitably produce race antagonism. On the other side, the arguments speak of the administrative inconvenience of the existing law. Little by little the official wind seems shifting in the direction of compromise, and it appears at present that the Government is inclined to limit the powers conferred to District Magistrates and Sessions Judges, instead of according the right to native magistrates indiscriminately. Europeans of all grades continue to agitate vigorously in opposition, both by indignation meetings and abundant speechifying. Another much-discussed measure has been passed by the Viceregal Council—the Bill for Local Self-Government in the N.W. Provinces.—The prospects of the crops in Northern India have been considerably improved by rain; but sufficient moisture has not yet fallen. At last the official opinions on the Ilbert Bill have been published sufficient moisture has not yet fallen.

The longest railway in the world has been opened in the UNITED The longest railway in the world has been opened in the UNITED STATES, the country of all big things. On Sunday the President of the Northern Pacific Railway drove a golden spike through the last rail of the line at Mullens Tunnel, in Montana, on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains, in the presence of a mass of native and foreign guests. Stretching over 2,500 miles of territory, and crossing thirty degrees of longitude, the line is the third great railway. ing thirty degrees of longitude, the line is the third great railway across the American Continent, and opens up a fertile and little-developed section of country nearly one-sixth the area of the whole of the States, extending from Lake Superior to Puget Sound.

The full extent of the recent disaster at JAVA cannot yet be accurately estimated, as communication is exceedingly difficult, and many of the coast districts cannot be approached at all, owing to the vast floating banks of pumice stone thrown up by the eruption. But destruction of life and property has been enormous, 30,000 natives having perished in Bantam, Batavia, and Lampong alone, while grievous distress prevails among the survivors. Fortunately while grievous distress prevails among the survivors. Fortunately the condition of Sunda Straits has been seriously altered in one part only, the Dutch authorities meanwhile taking every precaution for the safety of navigation.

Among MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS the anti-Jewish fever is beginning to affect SWITZERLAND, though instead of the pretext of religious feelings the accusations here rest on the usury practised by Israelitish money-lenders and their dishonest dealings with ignorant peasants, whom they persuade into bad bargains and long credit.—But in RUSSIA Jew-baiting continues in far more serious form, and fresh reports of violence and cruelty come from all parts of the Southern provinces. Much regret is felt at the death of Tourguenief, and it is proposed to give his remains a grand recention on their arrival from proposed to give his remains a grand reception on their arrival from Paris for interment.—Fresh shocks of earthquake at Ischia alarm ITALY. From recent discoveries among the ruins it is evident that many victims might have been saved by greater promptness, as numerous bodies have been found uninjured, the poor creatures having been starved to death. Loyal Italians intend to make a grand demonstration in honour of Victor Emmanuel on the anniversary of his death next January, to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the beginning of the struggle for Italian freedom and unity. Part of the famous Ravenna pine-forest is on fire, evidently from

incendiarism.—The proverbial nine lives owned by the cat are certainly possessed by the Zulus, for in SOUTH AFRICA Cetewayo's brother, Dabulamanzi, who was reported to be killed at Ulundi, has reappeared in Natal, where he was arrested for coming without a pass. very hostile attitude at Isandhlwana. The monarchs of the West Carlos where a proper agreeable. African coast are no more agreeable. Ex-King Koffee Kalkalli. African coast are in whom the British deposed, has long been contesting the Crown, and has now sent an insulting message to the Gold Coast Colony, declaring that he will attack the British if his rival fulfils the threat of taking the Ashantee Golden Stool, or throne, into the Colony.



THE QUEEN remains at Balmoral, with the Princesses Christian and Beatrice, and the Princes Albert Victor of Wales and Christian Victor, and Albert, of Schleswig-Holstein. Her Majesty and the Princesses, on Saturday, went to Birkhall, to call on Colonel and Mrs. Stanley Clarke, and in the evening Mr. Childers—now Minister in attendance—and Mr. Goschen joined the Royal Parniy at dinner. On Sunday morning, the Queen and Royal Family attended Divine Service at Balmoral, where the Rev. D. Macleod officiated, and, in the evening, the Rev. Mr. Macleod and Mr. Childers dined with Her Majesty. Next day, Princess Christian called upon Mr. and Mrs. Goschen, while the Queen and Princess Beatrice drove to the Glassalt Shiel, and on Tuesday, the two Princesses and young Princes spent some time at Braemar and Victor, and Albert, of Schleswig-Holstein. Her Majesty and the Beatrice drove to the Glassait Shiel, and on Tuesday, the two Princesses and young Princes spent some time at Braemar and Loch Callater, Her Majesty driving through the town on the way to the Lion's Face shortly afterwards. The young Princes go out deer-stalking daily, and Prince Albert Victor and his cousins went to a deer drive at Abergeldie on Monday.—Aberdeen will lear holiday in honour of Princess Beatrice's visit, on the could cousins went to a deer drive at Abergeide on Monday.—Aberdeen will keep holiday, in honour of Princess Beatrice's visit, on the 27th instant. An official reception will be given to the Princess at the station, whence she will go to the Music Hall Buildings to open the Bazaar in aid of the Sick Children's Hospital. She will then lunch at the Town Hall, and afterwards inaugurate Duthie Park.

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The Prince of Wales is still at Homburg. The Princess and her daughters continue at Copenhagen, and were present, on Sunday, with the Danish Royal Family, at the opening of a new Russian chapel, subsequently attending the State luncheon on board the Russian Imperial yacht *Derjava*. Prince George is at Ottawa, whence he will visit the finest scenery of the neighbourhood. He is delighted with his trip, and is not expected home before July.

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The Duke of Edinburgh has gone to Vienna on a private visit, but returns next week to witness the German manœuvres. Meanwhile, the Duke of Connaught has already been inspecting the manœuvre grounds near Potsdam. Emperor William has given a grand banquet in honour of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who were also present, on Monday, at the Imperial dinner party to the Crown Prince of Portugal. Bombay is preparing a grand public reception to the Duke on his arrival to assume his Indian command.—Princesses Sophie and Margaret, the youngest daughters of the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany, have come to Bournemouth for the winter, and are staying at Rothesay House, facing the sea.—It is rumoured that the marriage of Princess facing the sea.—It is rumoured that the marriage of Princess Victoria of Hesse and Prince Louis of Battenberg will be celebrated at Windsor Castle this autumn, as the young couple will probably make their home in England.



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THE MODERN BUILDER, so often twitted with the thoroughness of the work done in olden times, has had his revenge in the discovery that the collapse of the Lanthorn Tower at Peterborough Cathedral is due to the old builders having "scamped" their work. The foundations, it has been found, were in the sand, instead of the solid rock two feet below, and the piers in consequence gradually subsided, till the whole structure had to be pulled down.

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THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER sailed this week from Liverpool to The Bishop of Rochester sailed this week from Liverpool to attend the Convention of the American Episcopal Church at Philadelphia in October.—The Chaplaincy of the English Church at Versailles has been bestowed by the Colonial and Continental Church Society on the Rev. C. J. Hort, Private Chaplain to the Duke of Cambridge.—The Rev. E. Bradley—"Cuthbert Bede"—has been presented by Lord Aveland to the Vicarage of Lenton Lincolnshire. The preferment is worth 700% per annum.—A statue of a well-known Cambrian, Rowlands, of Llangeitho, the founder of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists, was unveiled on the 7th at Llangeitho, Cardiganshire. It is the work of Mr. Griffiths, of Chester, and was executed at the cost of 600%.

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A NUMBER OF INCUMBENTS of the Diocese of Bangor have signed an address recording their unanimous approval of the refusal of the Bishop of Llandaff to institute a clergyman unacquainted with Welsh to the living of Llanbethian, and promising all the support in their power if the patrons—the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester—contest his decision. The Bishop of Gloucester, on the other hand, writes to the Dean regretting the rejection of so able a man as Mr. Sparling, and indicating very plainly his belief that, if the six livings in the Chapter's gift are only to be given to Welsh-speaking clergymen, "some inconveniences, to say the least, may arise." Mr. Sparling will now retain the Head Mastership of the Cathedral School, which he had not formally resigned.

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THE SALVATIONISTS mustered in full force at Exeter Hall on Tuesday to celebrate the enrolment of the 500th Army Corps just raised in the Scottish town of Macduff. The license for the Eagle Tavern has been transferred to a friend of the General's, Mr. W. T. Trafford, though drinkers there are few and far between; while in the theatre on Sunday there were 5,000 worshippers, and in the concert-room 3,000 more. The Grecian Corps, recruited largely from converted roughs, atheists, and poachers, is now one of the strongest in the Army. The "General" is sanguine that the decision of Mr. Justice Stephen will be reversed upon appeal, though he trusts even more to a private arrangement with the parish authorities of St. Botolph. In Switzerland Miss Booth has achieved the distinction of being arrested twice in twenty-four hours; at Neuchatel, where the gendarmes surprised her conducting a religious service in a wood, and brought her straightway before the authorities, by whom she was released upon parole, and the next morning at Geneva, whither she had gone accompanied by Miss Charlesworth, and escorted by Miss Josephine Butler and "Colonel" Clibborn, to attend the funeral of a convert. There, too, she was arrested before she could withdraw, and politely taken across the frontier. She has since announced her determination to resist the law. since announced her determination to resist the law.

THE DERBY CHAPEL in Ormskirk Church, the historic burial place of the Earls of Derby from its erection, under the will of the

third Earl, in 1572, until the funeral of the late Lord Derby in 1869, has just been restored at the expense of the Earl and Countess. Great pains were taken to preserve whatever was still capable of

being utilised. THE BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL has written to the Guardian to

defend his preaching in a Scottish Presbyterian church. He is not. defend his preaching in a Scottish Presbyterian church. He is not, he says, a member of the Scottish Episcopal Church, and has never attended its services since its "synodical declaration" touching "the famous Gorham judgment." On the other hand, the Established Kirk is the one which the Queen attends, and which the Canons of 1604 enjoin us to pray for. He therefore knows no law forbidding him to officiate in one of its churches.

BLUE RIBEON MISSIONS have been conducted during the week at Brixton, and by Canon Basil Wilberforce at Torquay. The Dean and Chapter of Canterbury have refused to renew the license of a public house in that city of which they are the owners.



LIVERPOOL (correspondence). - The Carl Rosa Opera Company LIVERPOOL (correspondence).—The Carl Rosa Opera Company has been fulfilling a very remunerative engagement. Besides the inevitable Faust, Maritana, and Bohemian Girl, which will persist in tickling the ears and stirring the hearts of those whom the "advanced people," contemners of rhythmic melody, estimate as little better than "gone coons," Mr. Rosa has wisely introduced the two striking novelties brought out during his recent brief season at Drury Lane. Esmeralda and Colomba have both been given at the Alexandra Theatre; and let it be added, with well-merited success. The opera by Mr. Goring Thomas was, for evident the Mexandra Theatre; and let it be added, with well-merited success. The opera by Mr. Goring Thomas was, for evident reasons, quickest to take the public; but that of Mr. Mackenzie, though by slower degrees, has thoroughly established its claim to equal honours. No two works could differ more materially from one another, while each has found its way to public approval. The careful and satisfactory manner in which both are placed upon the stage, and the generally efficient style of their execution, under the direction of Mr. Goossens, are doubtless in some measure accountable for this; but the main fact is that in either instance the music has for this; but the main fact is that in either instance the music has pleased, and is likely to please for some time hence. The leading characters in both operas are sustained by the regular members of Mr. Rosa's company, Madame Georgina Burns being the Esmeralda, and Madame Marie Roze (vice the original, Madame Valleria) Colomia. Mr. Barton M'Guckin has been doing excellent service, not only as the Corsican hero in *Colomba*, but in *Faust* and other operas. He is rapidly making way.

-The Glasgow City Hall Concerts give the first GLASGOW.performance of their thirtieth season to-day. The far more important concerts under the direction of Mr. August Manns, which have made Glasgow a musical city, promising ere long to vie with Manchester, begin a month or so later on. The regretted death of the enthusiastic Glasgow amateur, Mr. J. H. Stillie, happily came too late to arrest the progress of a scheme for the early establishment and gradual advance of which he laboured with such untiring zeal and energy. At various periods, Sir Arthur Sullivan, Dr. Hans von Bülow, and Mr. Manns have been directors-in-chief of this institution, the periodical concerts of which are now in the high tide of

prosperity. GLOUCESTER FESTIVAL.--The financial issue of this late successful meeting is not yet definitively made up. At the same time, it is worth observing that the smallest receipts from sale of tickets and donations were realised on Wednesday, when the two (expected to be) important works of the Festival—St. Mary Magdalen in the morning, and Sennacherib in the evening-were introduced. One, at any rate, of the two—Dr. Stainer's St. Alagdalen—is tolerably sure to be heard of, sooner or later, in London; and we may reasonably look for it at one of the great musical festivals in St. Paul's Cathedral. The Daughter of Jairus, which net with such general favour not long ago, is a guarantee for this. Meanwhile, we may, with due resignation, await further experience with a hope of confirming the favourable impression derived from the first. But for Elijah on Tuesday, and the Messiah on Friday, almost the entire interest of this last Gloucester Festival would have been concentrated in that singular contribution to sacred music, which holds out every promise of a triumphal march throughout the length and breadth of the land—though on what grounds, artistic or purely æsthetic, it would be hard to decide. J. S. Bach and Handel have approached the ineffable theme in a very different spirit; and Mendelssohn already bordered upon it in the fragments from his uncompleted *Christus*. If they were right, M. Gound must be wrong; but that we leave to the superior judges, mill whose decision we must needs put up with the incoherent structure of the author of Faust and Mireille, whose "Sacred Trilogy" is now all the vogue. Of the Elegiac Symphony, by Mr. C. V. Stanford, of "Trinity" (Cambridge), it was not easy to understand much. It immediately preceded The Redembrium on the Thursday morning and this was an excuse for not easy to understand much. It immediately preceded and Rademption on the Thursday morning, and this was an excuse for coming late, of which too many of the "notables" (none of the "many-headed") took manifest advantage. To Dr. C. Hubert Parry's setting of Shirley's poem, "The glories of our blood and State," we have already referred. This, too, must be heard again. One thing should impress itself on the minds of future promoters of the Three Choir meetings—viz., that novelties are not good as mere novelties. but only when they are good novelties in the bargain. novelties, but only when they are good novelties in the bargain. The last of the proceedings—a special choral Nave Service (on Friday evening), admission to which was made easy enough to the general mobile works and according for even the humbler places. Friday evening), admission to which was made easy enough to the general public, unable to afford paying for even the humbler places on the regular Festival days—was an eminent success. The cathedral was densely thronged in every part, and the performance was in all respects fully worthy the occasion. It remains to congratulate Mr. C. L. Williams, organist of Gloucester Cathedral, and, by virtue of his position, director of the Festival, on spurs honourably won. Mr. Williams, known as an excellent musician, has also proved himself an excellent conductor. We should add that the Service music through the week was selected from the best English Church composers—Wesley, Travers, Walmisley, Goss, Garrett, Sir Herbert Oakley, and last, not least, Henry Smart, whose admirable Service in F was, as always, welcome, and that the anthem on the occasion of the Special Nave Service, "Elessed is the man that considereth the poor and needy," was Blessed is the man that considereth the poor and needy Diessed is the man that considereth the poor and needy," was written expressly for the occasion by Mr. C. H. Lloyd (Mr. Williams's precursor at Gloucester), whose work showed his thorough mastery in this style of composition. The eloquent sermon preached on Tuesday morning by the Dean of Llandaff on behalf of the charity was listened to with eager interest, and met with unanimous approval. A discourse more liberal or more pre-

cisely adapted to the object in view has rarely been delivered. WAIFS.—The dates arranged for the Wolverhampton Festival being Thursday and Friday in the present week, it is too late for motice have The dates arranged for the Wolverhampton Festival for notice here. The results, however, will appear in our next impression.—At the recent "Bazaar Concert," held in St. Andrew's Hall, on behalf of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, the buke and Duchess of Connaught were present. The new Knight of the Garter took especial notice of Dr. Bunnett (conductor), from whom he received musical lessons when at Norwich, some time

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since, and also complimented Dr. Hill (chorus master) for the excellent singing of his choir. Thus do princes ingratiate themselves with such as move honourably in another and humbler, if not less useful, sphere of life.—Miss Georgina Kühe, daughter of the well-known pianist and purveyor of Festivals for Brighton, has, it would appear, adopted the stage for her future career, and is already, we are informed, engaged by the celebrated Italian tragedian, Madame Ristori, for a dramatic tour in the "provinces."—The Jubilee of the Society of German Musicians, instituted for the relief of aged professors of the art, under the united presidency of the Grand Duke of Weimar and Abbé Liszt, will come off early next year. The celebration of the Schiller Association is fixed for the same period. German musicians will, no doubt, flock to Weimar for the occasion. German musicians will, no doubt, flock to Weimar for the occasion.

—Mdlle. Trebelli, daughter of the famous contralto who bears that name, has been playing Carmen with great success at the operat house in Mannheim.—The Town theatre, at Mayence, opened on Sept. 1st, 1823, will mark the fiftieth year of its existence, on the same day of the present month, by special performances suitable to the occasion.

THE POETRY OF THE HIGHLANDS

In these days there is a great deal said about the centralising tendencies of the age; of the gradual toning down of picturesque usages and customs, of peculiar attire, and of varied dialects, into a monotonous sameness. Gaelic and Welsh are being driven farther and farther back among the mountains; the tall hat of Wales, and and fartner back among the mountains; the tall hat of Wales, and the kilt of the Highlands, are retreating with the ancient speech. Yet it is not so very many years since Dr. Johnson, forsaking for a time his favourite Fleet Street, set out on that tour to the Western Isles which both he and "Mr. Boswell" have rendered famous. The gulf, in manner, in language, and in modes of life, which separated the South of England from Lowland Scotland, was hardly wider than that between the regions North and South of the Highland line. What throughdage the folls of the plaine bed of their land line. What knowledge the folk of the plains had of the neighbours was not of a kind to encourage further inquiry. The professional bards sang the praises of the chiefs who were most active in harrying the Sassenach country, and fattening the Gael with Saxon gold. Little wonder, then, that the Sassenach, on his part, regarded the mountaineer as a semi-barbarian, from whom anything in the way of literary culture was not to be expected. Suddenly M'Pherson's "Ossian" appeared. Where there had been darkness, a weird light shone, dimly revealing the giant forms of the Feinne passing to and from Lochin; and then, as they melted away, an aged figure, to and from Lochin; and then, as they metted away, an aged figure, seated alone on a boulder by the shore, with the dull never-ending boom of the breakers in his ears. There had been nothing like it in the history of letters, though the world had heard the pathetic songs of the Cymri, and, saddest of all, the wail of Llywarch Hen for his son Gwenn, who fell at the ford of Morlas. And so there arose that fierce dispute, the details of which need not be here recapitulated. Sufficient to recall that Johnson argued passionately against the subtenticity of the fragments: that the poet Gray was inclined to Sufficient to recall that Johnson argued passionately against the authenticity of the fragments; that the poet Gray was inclined to believe, and with him Adam Smith, and even the arch sceptic, David Hume. The true facts will probably never with certainty be known. If "Ossian" is a forgery, it is cleverly modelled on poems floating about in the Highlands long before the time of M'Pherson. The "Book of the Dean of Lismore" is in itself conclusive evidence of that. Many of the pieces in the ancient book compiled by the good Dean, ere the calm of the sixteenth century was rudely dispelled by the hurricane of the Reformation, are chants by those professional singers in celebration of victories and in praise of the chiefs. The oldest pieces, however, refer to those awful shadowy Titans, who gaze distortedly forth in M'Pherson's translations. Apart from gaze distortedly forth in M. Pherson's translations. Apart from this, the Dean of Lismore's book is valuable as a collection of the pre-Reformation poetry of the Gael. The key-note of the poetry of the Highlands is to be found in "Ossian." The subtle melancholy brooding there is never entirely absent in the works of the Gaelic bards; it grows more intense as it reaches our own time. The lament over the depopulation of the glens is not less pathetic than "Barrathon: the Last Sound of the Voice of Cona." As an example of the poetic feeling in those distant years, a single verse may be quoted from a poem whose title in English would be "The Aged Bard's Wish." He is growing feeble now, but he will chant once more the glories and the misfortunes of his race. "Place me," he asks his comrades,

Where I may hear the waterfall
And the hum of its falling wave,
And give me the harp, and the shell, and the shield
Of my sires in the strife of the brave.

The period succeeding the Reformation is prolific, especially in female singers, though their presence is a characteristic of Gaelic poetry. "The ploughshare of revolution" had gone through the soil, and even as after the stormy era of the French upheaval there came a wondrous outburst of song, so here the social and political earthquake is succeeded by a flood of music. It is impossible to do more than mention a few names. Mair Nighean Alastair Ruadh is one of the most memorable of Highland bardesses. She had her bedguarters in the Costle of Duranger, which, as the torict is one of the most memorable of Highland bardesses. She had her headquarters in the Castle of Dunvegan, which, as the tourist knows, is perched on a cliff on the coast of Skye. It was a fitting residence. The waves beat round three sides of it: it is filled with old legends and traditions. In the haunted chamber the flag that the fairy gave MacLeod, when he courted her on the green brases by the sea, is doubtless still preserved. From Dunvegan Mairi was banished to a lonely isle that she might learn to bridle her tongue, but was soon released. She lived to the venerable age of 105. but was soon released. She lived to the venerable age of 105. Longevity is another characteristic of the Gaelic singers. They laid her to her rest in the Isle of Harris. "Her versification," to quote a competent critic, "runs like a mountain stream over a smooth bed of granite."

Over Ian Lom and his contemporary, Archibald MacDonald, we cannot linger, though their works repay perusal. Neither shall the "Tyrtæus of the '45,"—Alexander MacDonald of Ardnamurchan to wit—detain us, for we would dwell a moment with the greatest of the singers—the Burns of the Highlands.

Like a Saul among the people, the form of Duncan Ban M'Intyre rises out from the crowd of minstrels. Both in

M'Intyre rises out from the crowd of minstreis. Both in Highlands and Lowlands the Muse descended in greatest power at the same epoch. There is no indication, however, that Robert Burns and Donacha Ban knew of each other's existence—though Burns sang of Bruar, and Duncan spent his last days in Edinburgh, where he died and was buried. But wherever he might chance to be, M'Intyre's heart was in the glen and the corries round the base of Ben Douran. No tourist who has gone by rail to Oban but has traversed the country which he loved. As the train swings down to Loch Awe, and then rushes through the Pass of Brander, the traveller may be aware that these regions possess a double heauty traveller may be aware that these regions possess a double beauty and an intensified interest to the student of Gaelic poetry. The happiest time of all the year for Duncan was that when the cattle and sheep were driven up on the Bens, and the lads and lasses passed the long summer evenings in dance and song. What marvel that the young poet got his head full of the strange, weird, old Ossianic strains, and the songs of a latter age? But the war cloud soon darkened over the peaceful shealings. Prince Charlie had landed at Moidart, and loyal hearts beat high. Duncan was as devoted in his soul to the Stuarts as the rest, but a retainer of Breadalbane must needs join the legions of Hanover. The Chief first, then the Prince. His conduct after the Battle of Falkirk showed clearly enough how his sympathies lay. He was promoted, nevertheless, to the office of forester to the Earl of Breadalbane, and those regions, where he served in this capacity, have become famous.

His laudation of Ben Douran is well known—"of all hills the sun kens, beautifullest he." The misty Correi was equally dear. The opening lines of this lovely poem are thus rendered by Robert Buchanen.—

My beauteous Corri! where cattle wander,
My misty Corri! my darling dell!
Mighty, verdant, and covered over
With tender wild flowers of sweetest smell;
Dark is the green of thy grassy clothing,
Soft swell thy hillocks most green and deep,
The Cannach flowing, the darnel growing,
While the deer troop past to the misty steep.

And again

There from their beds, in the dew of morning Uprose the does, and the stag of ten, And the tall cliffs gleamed, and the morning reddened The Coire Cheathaich—the Misty Glen!

Only he who has lingered amid the utter peace and loneliness of those solitudes, or dreamed away the summer gloaming near the last rest of the clansmen on Loch Awe, can fully appreciate the delicate beauty of Duncan's verses, and feel the spirit that could sing the song in praise of the Glen in the Mist. Intense and sympathetic love of Nature is the keynote of his poetry. No classical authors save of the Gaels influenced his muse; his outpourings came pure and fresh and undefiled as the spring from the mountain side. He had heard it is said of the Greek roots and mountain side. He had heard, it is said, of the Greek poets, and knew something of Pindar, but, if this be so, their effect is untraceable. While Duncan must, by all accounts, have been serving in the Old City Guard of Edinburgh, there stood one day upon the slopes of Ben Douran a poet who loved Nature as fervently as he, though it taught the world through him different learning. though it taught the world, through him, different lessons. As he gazed upon the ruins of Kilchurn, Wordsworth shouted out in his enthusiasm those lines :-

Child of loud-throated war! The mountain stream Roars in thy hearing, but thine hour of rest Is come, and thou art silent in thine age.

Had they but met-regrets are in vain!

As the tourist is hurried onward he may notice a monument of rough stones that rises from a knoll overlooking the Loch. It is the shrine of Duncan Ban M'Intyre. One farewell visit he paid; it was not the same land he had loved long ago; the spirit of the age had breathed upon it. So there is a good deal of the Ossianic sadness in those last verses of his—"The Adieu to the Hills."

Yestreen I wandered in the glen: what thoughts were in my head. There had I walked with friends of yore—where are those dear ones fled? I looked and locked; where e'er I looked was nought but sheep! sheep! sheep! A woeful change was in the hill! World thy deceit was deep!

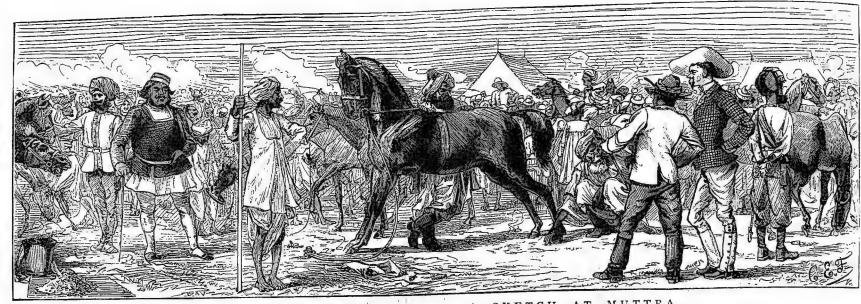
There is no space left to treat of Rob Donn, the great Bard of the Mackay country. Duncan Ban had a stinging power of satire, but it was not to be compared to Rob's. The latter is, specially, a but it was not to be compared to Robs. The latter is, specially, a satirical and humorous poet, but M'Intyre stands on a higher elevation in many ways. With regard to the minor singers, the fierce martial ardour that was born of the Jacobite rising gradually dies away in a wail over the exile of the best of the Gaels. Into this question we cannot enter now. If the short and necessarily imperfect sketch given leads to further inquiry among those to whom the North is so much and yet so little, its purpose will have



MR. GRUNDY'S new farcical comedy at the GLOBE Theatre, which has just reopened for the season under the new management of Mr. Hollingshead and his partner, Mr. Shine, is by far the cleverest and most amusing piece which the author has yet contributed to the stage. Mr. Grundy, it is true, has been a little hampered by the satirical objects which he has proposed to himself; and what with his desire to produce a play, and his anxiety to expose the wickedness of what are called "Society journals," has suffered in some degree the embarrassments of those who "do perceive here a divided duty." It is partly for this reason, and partly from the general propensity to satirical portraiture, that the first two acts or so appear rather like a series of clever and diverting episodes than part and parcel of a regularly constructed piece. After a point, however, interest is fairly awakened, and The Glass of Fashion—as the play is called from the supposed title of the Society journal in question—finally carries with it the sympathies, as it undoubtedly awakens the mirth, of the audience. The episode which has been aptly described as a "sort of inversion of the Screen Scene in The School for Scandal," is decidedly clever and dramatically conceived, and, what is more important from the point of view of practical success, it proved to be thoroughly diverting. which has just reopened for the season under the new management dramatically conceived, and, what is more important from the point of view of practical success, it proved to be thoroughly diverting. An excellent company, well equipped for the representation of pieces of this class, has been recruited by the new management. Miss Lingard, who sustains the part of Mrs. Trevanion, a lady who is much tormented by reason of her having concealed from her husband certain gambling liabilities, is rather a pathetic than a comic actress; but in these days, when even the lightest pieces generally comprise some blend of a more serious kind, plenty of employment is likely to be found for her excellent style and winning presence. Mr. Shine, who is little known, if known at all, to London audiences, proves himself, in the part of the unhappy proprietor of the libellous print, a welcome addition to the London stage; and Mr. Beerbohm Tree, who is steadily rising in public stage; and Mr. Beerbohm Tree, who is steadily rising in public approbation as a representative of well-marked comedy characters, ves a very clever impersonation of the swindling Polish Prince Borowski, who victimises unhappy ladies at the card-table, and avails himself of that powerful but dangerous organ, *The Glass of Fashion*, for other nefarious purposes That clever actress, Miss Lottie Venne, does not on this occasion find full scope for her comic powers; but her presence in the troop is at least of good augury for the future; and the same may be said of Miss Carlotta Leclercq, to whose share it fell to impersonate another victim of the Polish adventurer. The success of Mr. Grundy's play on Saturday evening was beyond all question, and there is little room to doubt that it is launched upon a prosperous career. By way of introductory piece, a comedietta, entitled *Elsie*, and written by Mr.

Maude in the leading part.

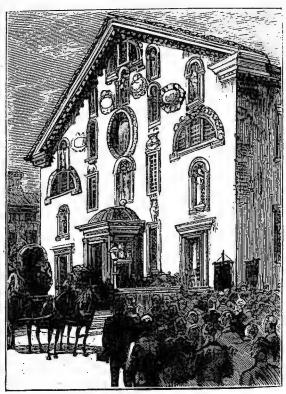
It is no secret that there is grief among the fashionable youth who frequent the stalls of the GAIETY over the cruel resolution of Miss Kate Vaughan—most graceful and poetical of all the ladies who dance and sing in burlesque—to dance and sing no more for their amusement. Miss Vaughan, it appears, is impressed with the belief that higher things are within her possible attainment than mere terpsichorean displays; and it must be admitted that her performance at the Gaiety on the occasion of a sort of farewell benefit on Saturday afternoon went far to corroborate this view. Peggy, in Garrick's Country Girl, a version of Wycherley's Country which in its turn was based on Molière's École des Femmes, was the part chosen for the occasion. A tempting character indeed it is, with its hoydenish ways, its poutings, its girlish hankerings after forbidden delights, and its womanly stratagems; and many a witching actress has won renown in the person of this mutinous protegic of a cross-grained but amorous



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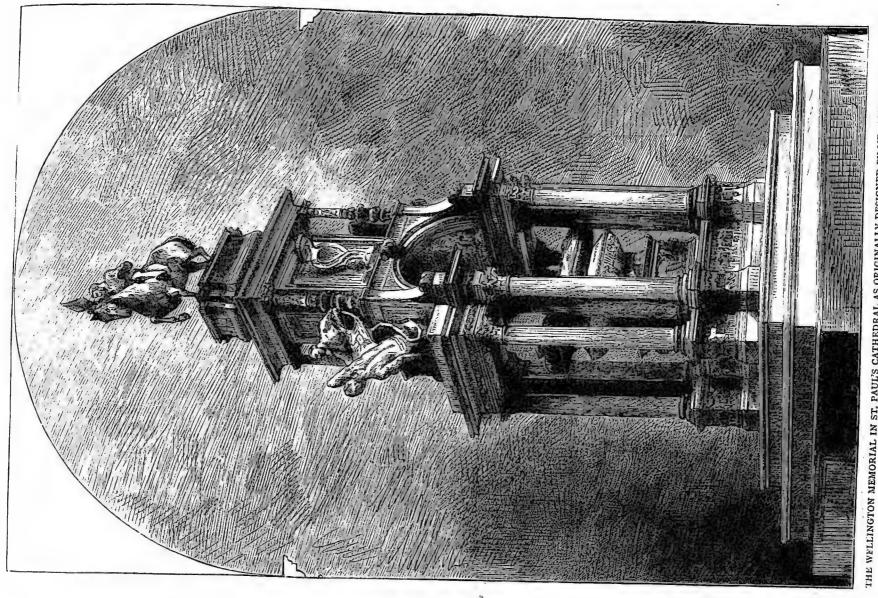
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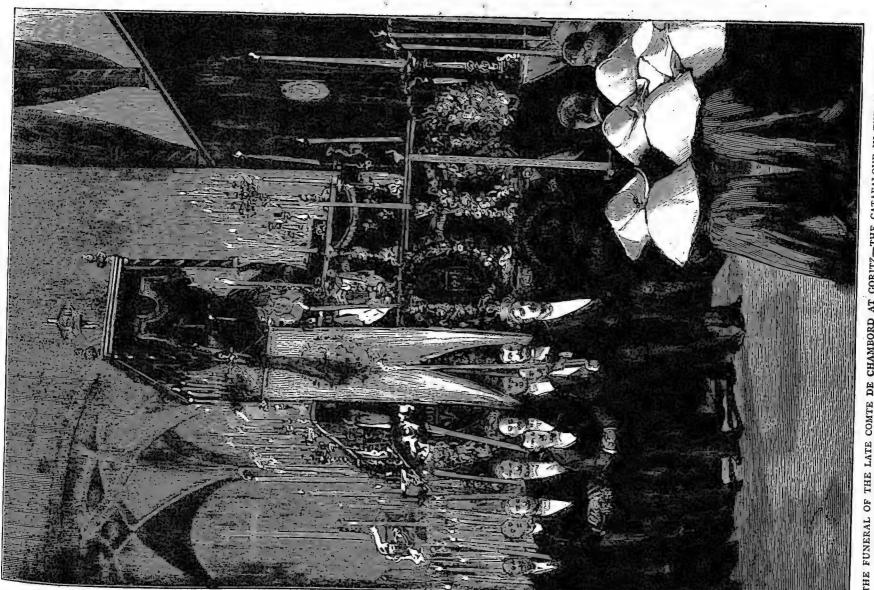


THE DUOMO, GÖRITZ, WHERE THE FUNERAL SERVICE WAS PERFORMED



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THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE COMTE DE CHAMBORD AT GORITZ-THE CATAFALQUE IN THE CATHEDRAL

guardian. Miss Vaughan played the part with more refinement than is cust omary; but on the other hand with a freshness, a grace, and a thoroughly natural charm which could hardly be excelled. Not to break too abruptly with her disconsolate admirers, she afterwards appeared in a new burlesque version of Cindwalla. Not to break too abruptly with her disconsolate admirers, she afterwards appeared in a new burlesque version of Cinderella, written for her by Mr. Reece, in the true old-fashioned vein of written for her by Mr. Reece, in the true old-fashioned vein of written for her by Mr. Reece, in the true old-fashioned vein of written for her by Mr. Reece, in the true old-fashioned vein of written for her by Mr. Reece, in the true old-fashioned vein of the little knowledge who wins the prince's heart—as distinguished from that mere posturing and glib utterance of verse which is generally considered more appropriate to burlesque—she did not omit to throw in a dance or two in her most poetical vein—to the frantic delight of not a few gentlemen, both young and old, among the crowded and enthusiastic audience. Since then Miss Vaughan and her company have gone away to play in the provinces, where it is to be hoped that her honourable ambition will be crowned with complete success.

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It appears that Mr. Godfrey's dramatic version of Mr. Edmund Yates's novel, entitled "Kissing the Rod," now in active preparation at the COURT Theatre, is to be entitled Self. Katherine Guyon, the persecuted heroine with the ill-conditioned husband, is to be played, we believe, by Miss Marion Terry. Also included in the cast are the names of Mrs. John Wood, Mr. John Clayton, Mr. Arthur Cecil, Miss Linley, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Sugden, and Mr. Beerbohm Tree.

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Mr. Gilbert denies that he has refused Miss Mary Anderson the necessary permission to appear at the Lyceum in his Pygmalion and Galatea. The hitch, it appears, arises upon a simple question of etiquette. Miss Anderson made application through an agent; Mr. Gilbert requires that she shall apply personally. "And that," says Mr. Gilbert, "is how the matter stands at present." Any way, it is to be hoped that the English public will not be denied the opportunity of seeing this delightful actress in a character which has already in America brought her renown.

The announcement that Mr. Bancroft will assume the part of Count Louis Ipanoff in Fédora, when the performance of that play is resumed at the HAYMARKET for the winter season, has probably taken most persons by surprise. It appears, however, that Mr. Coghlan, who had never taken kindly to it, was determined to retire and go back to America; and it would certainly not be easy to find a serious actor of his rank to take his place. Mr. Bancroft's style is decidedly lighter than what one would expect in a performer deliberately chosen for it; but he has more than once shown a capacity for more serious work, and he is too good an artist to fail altogether. This new step in his career is likely to be looked forward to with interest.

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by Miss Annie Thomas.

Miss Maud Robertson now plays the pretty part of the Quakeress, Ruth Deybrook, in the brilliant revival of the late Mr. Robertson's M.P. at Toole's Theatre, will be performed for the 50th time

this (Saturday) evening.

A SHOOTING TRIP FROM CANTON

Or all parts of the world visited during a service of over five-and-twenty years' in Her Majesty's Navy, I think China bears the palm for "wild shooting." By the term "wild shooting," I must be understood to mean that most enjoyable of all sport, going out without in the least knowing what your bag is likely to consist of at the end of the day. There is, of course, great pleasure in a day devoted to either pheasant, partridge, rabbit, or wild fowl shooting; but to my idea a day upon which all, or nearly all, of the above are met with, and in which you can never tell what game is likely to give you a chance next, is to the sportsman and naturalist the acme of enjoyment. And for this glorious uncertainty commend me above all places to China.

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When commanding H.M.S. G——, I was stationed for over a year at Canton as "Senior Officer," and as the duty was not very arduous I was frequently able to enjoy my favourite sport. To do this I generally organised a party, consisting of one or two of the British residents, some of my officers and myself, and usually hired a "house-boat" for the trip. These house-boats are simply mastless junks of about twenty tons burden, having on the after-part of the deck a suite of three room-like cabins built, furnished with tables, chairs, and lockers, and of course with the invariable shrine and pot-bellied Joss, without which no Chinese boat, however small, is ever seen. They are propelled either by long sweeps or poles, but more frequently drift up or down with the tide, and are really most comfortable. Their crew generally consist of two men and two women, but I also Their crew generally consist of two men and two women, but I also took my own attendant sampan, with its crew of "English Mary" (of whom more presently) and her four girls, who purveyed and

cooked for us.

All the sampans at Canton are manned by women—an elderly one as coxswain, and two or four young girls to pull. "English Mary" was, and I trust still is, always employed by the senior officer to attend upon him, to take him to and from the shore, to pilot him through the city, to act as interpreter between him and the tradespeople, and in fact to do everything to add to his comfort.

At daybreak one bright November morning a party of six guns, besides myself, embarked in our house-boat, and with a strong flood tide turned out of the river up the Fat-shan Creek; aided by our sweeps we soon reached a smaller arm or creek, which is known by the English name of "the brook," and which is a noted place for wild duck. At about two miles from its entrance we moored the boat to the bank, and then divided our party for the day, three going in Mary's sampan further up the brook, the rest landing in the paddy fields on the left hand side. Of this latter party I made one. We had not advanced ten yards before snipe were rising all round us, and all guns were going merrily. No occasion there to one. We had not advanced ten yards before snipe were rising all round us, and all guns were going merrily. No occasion there to pick your ground, for every dry bit held its bird, and we soon found our dogs were only encumbrances, so we coupled them up, reserving them for later in the day.

On we went, working straight across the paddy fields, towards a hill about two miles distant, on which is a large burial-ground, thickly planted with dwarf evergreens, and surrounded with groves thickly planted with dwarf evergreens, and surrounded with groves of lichee trees, a well-known cover for pheasants. By the time we reached the foot of it our game-bags had become considerably heavier, and our cartridge-belts correspondingly lighter. On arriving at the end of the paddy fields we determined to have a quiet pipe and a S. and B. before attacking the long tails, and while so doing took the opportunity of examining the contents of our bags, which consisted of thirty couple of snipe, eighteen couple of painted snipe (a much larger bird), and four and a-half couple of teal, not including some score or so of both kinds of snipe shot by one of our boatmen, some score or so of both kinds of snipe shot by one of our boatmen, with a matchlock about eight feet long, with which he shot from his

Having finished our pipes, &c., we uncoupled the dogs, and setting our faces to the hill commenced beating towards the graveyard. In a very few moments a whir-r-r, followed by a double report on my

left, signalled that the sport had begun, and almost immediately a fine old golden cock gave me a lesson in patience, for blazing at him too quickly. I missed him clean with both barrels, and had the joy of seeing him fall to my next neighbour. We worked the lichees well, and then beat over the mouldering remains of a past generation of Celestials, and by the time that we arrived at the pagoda that crowned the hill, we all felt that it was time for "tiffn" and repose, so, taking possession of a lower room, Mary made a fire, and in a few moments had curry and rice preparing for us. In the mean while we explored the pagoda and its surroundings.

While enjoying our curry we were visited by a very smartly-dressed young lady, who, Mary informed us, had been visiting the tomb of her ancestors in the graveyard below. She was dressed in something horder of red and black, and light blue silk trousers very wide in a border of red and black, and light blue silk trousers very wide in the leg, reaching just down to her ankles. Her hair was plastered back from her face, with two great rolls on each side; and one very high structure at top, with several large globe-headed gold pins through it. Her small deformed feet were covered with little sheer. left, signalled that the sport had begun, and almost immediately a

high structure at top, with several large globe-headed gold pins through it. Her small deformed feet were covered with little shoes through it. Her small deformed feet were covered with little shoes about five, or perhaps six inches long, with very thick soles, and the upper part, over the unnaturally high instep, embroidered in the upper part, over the unnaturally high instep, embroidered in different colours, the foot being tightly bandaged to preserve the deformity intact. To enable her to walk, or rather hobble along, she had to support herself with a long bamboo pipe-stem. Noticing she had to support herself with a long bamboo pipe-stem. Noticing that we regarded her feet somewhat curiously, she told Mary to inform us that for a "cum-shaw" she would show us one of them, so we gave her half-a-dollar, and she began unbandaging one, but when it was nearly uncovered a dreadful smell became perceptible, which she accounted for by telling Mary three months had elapsed since the bandages had been removed! This was enough, we were more than satisfied, and declined to see any more. "Mas-kee, mas-kee," said the fair one, and she hobbled off for a few spaces, and, sitting down, carefully replaced the disturbed folds. carefully replaced the disturbed folds.

Mary and our boatmen were now very anxious that we should return to the boat, for the appearance of the day had considerably changed, it was getting very overcast, and frequent gusts of wind plainly indicated a change of weather, so shouldering our guns we made tracks for our floating home.

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One of the peculiarities of China is the extremely sudden changes that frequently take place in the weather, and the rapidity with which such changes occur. We no sooner got on board, than we carried two anchors well out into the paddy field, and burying them well, roused their hawsers as taut as possible, we then drove the boat-poles well into the brook's bed, on the port side, and made the boat-poles well into the brook's bed, on the port side, and made the boat as secure as our means would permit, and the sam-pan coming back we hoisted her in, and well secured her. By this time the bright blue sky had disappeared, black lurid clouds massed up to the eastward, and the veering and increasing breeze moaned and whistled overhead with a mournful warning sound. Presently, after one or two squalls, we got the full blast. A heavy blinding rain came with the wind, and hid everything from us. For two hours it blew as if heaven and earth were coming together, and thundered and lightened as it only can in China, and then it settled down to a hard gale, which continued all that night and until evening of next day, by which time our grog was all expended, so directly it moderated sufficiently, we got under weigh, and returned to Canton, where we found the river all in confusion, an immense number of the boats forming the floating part of the city, having been wrecked, and a very large number of lives lost.

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-Three songs, written and

Messrs. Duff and Stewart.—Three songs, written and composed by Louisa Gray, are very charming compositions, published in two keys for soprano or alto. "Lost Awhile" has a very attractive violoncello accompaniment, "Derwent and I" is a tale of the sea, and "What an Angel Heard" is a pathetic ballad with a cheerful ending.—"True Love is Sweet Valse" is a feeble setting of the song which bears that name, by W. M. Hutchinson, who shows himself to be a better composer than adapter.—"Flying Leaves Waltzes," by Joseph Meissler, are a fairly good and danceable set, albeit not very original in melody.

Messrs. Stanley Lucas, Weber, and Co.—Armand Silvestre's graceful poem, "Chanson d'Etoiles," has been faithfully translated into English by Charles Hervey, and set to a charming melody by Arthur Hervey. It may be sung by a tenor or a soprano, and deserves a good place in a concert programme.—A quaint and taking ballad for a mezzo-soprano is "My Love is Here Again," words by Gertrude Harraden; music by Ernest Ford.—"Down by the Rustic Beeches" is a love tale with a tragical ending, written and composed by C. Wilson and Ricardo Mahlling. We commend it to the attention of our baritone readers.—One of D. G. Rossetti's mythical and dreamy poems, "Three Shadows," has been set to appropriate music by C. Swinnerton Heap for a tenor.—A song, full of "go," the moral of which is somewhat doubtful, and all the more likely to amuse a sailor audience, is "Nearly Caught," a Pirate's Song, by R. S. Hughes. The tune of this ditty will be easily caught, and there is the orthodox amount of Yo-ho, heave-ho in it.—"Pensée Dansante" is a brief and playable piece for after-dinner execution, by Percy Reeve.

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MESSRS. RICORDI. — Three refined songs of more than ordinary merit are (1) "Love, Come Again." The poetic words, by Maria Taylor, are wedded to very charming music by August Rotoli. (2) "Queen of the Earth" is a sentimental love song, published in two keys; poetry by H. L. Jaxone, music by Ciro Pinsuti. (3) "A Merry Heart" is a taking song full of life and spirit, with a neatly-written chorus; written and composed by Edward Oxenford and L. Denza. The very thing for a garden or water-party; it may be sung unaccompanied, or the voices just supported by a guitar or accordion.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Well adapted for a small choir where the female element, strengthened by a few choir boys, is predominant, is "Sisera," a cantata for treble voices, written by Marmaduke Browne, music by Isidore de Solla. "The scene is laid in the women's apartments of the Palace of Harosheth; the mother of Sisera, surrounded by her wise women and maidens, has watched the hosts of Jabin, King of Hazor, start on their expedition against the Israelite Tribes "—(See Judges v.). The versification is good and flowing, and the mysic is not wanting in originality. The durantic towns, Tribes "—(See Judges v.). The versitication is good and flowing, and the music is not wanting in originality. The dramatis persona are: soloists, the mother of Sisera, the Prophetess of Mount Tabor, Lilith, and Zorah. Chorus of women. For a breaking-up party at a ladies' college or a village concert, at Christmas, this cantata may be recommended (Messrs. Weekes, and Co.).—Our Roman Catholic readers will find much to interest them in the "St. Joseph's Benediction Music," composed by Thomas S. Smith for his pupils at St. Joseph's College, Clapham. "The Ave Verum," as a duet for soprano and alto, is replete with devotional feeling, a very charming melody, as is also the "St. Joseph's Litany," with its eight variations, which are very effective. This Benediction music might well be introduced at a sacred concert, or some portions selected therefrom (Messrs. Burns and Oates).—A very useful publication for Sunday Schools is "The Sacred Melodist," a collection of hymns, sacred songs, and anthems, edited by Dr. Arthur S. Holloway; it consists of sixteen pages, clearly printed, for one penny. No. 158 contains eleven hymns, together with Roman Catholic readers will into Index by Thomas S. Smith for his Joseph's Benediction Music," composed by Thomas S. Smith for his Joseph's College, Clapham. "The Ave Verum," as a

lessons in harmony and composition; it is really a marvellous pennyworth (F. Pitman).—A song which has made its mark and won universal favour is "Poet's Corner." The poetical words by Rosa Carlyle have been set to music by Berthold Tours, in his happiest style. By the same poetess is "Longing Hearts," which Leigh style. By the same poetess is "Longing Hearts," which Leigh Kingsmill has set to music. Both these songs are published in three keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Which Leigh Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Which Leigh Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Which Leigh Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Which Leigh Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Which Leigh Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop Heber keys depth heber keys (Alfred Phillips, Which Leigh Kilburn).—A beautiful poem by Bishop He lessons in harmony and composition; it is really a marvellous

RECENT POETRY AND VERSE

In is now some years since a small volume of lyrics, entitled "Carrella," attracted the attention of all genuine lovers of poetry, and it is pleasant to find no falling-off in power, but rather advance, in "The Lay of the Lady Ida, and Other Poems," by J. J. Britton (Remington). So as to get rid at once of the disagreeable task of fault-finding, we may say that the sole drawback to an otherwise pleasant book is occasional carelessness on the part of the author, who seems impatient of the necessary task of polishing. task of fault-finding, we may say that the sole drawback to an otherwise pleasant book is occasional carelessness on the part of the author, who seems impatient of the necessary task of polishing; for instance, he must be frankly told that such a line as "The words that from his lips escaped" cannot pass muster as blank verse, any more than "Why tremble so? I would not do you harm, not"—and the latter at least, notwithstanding a weak ending, might be so obviously corrected. But when this has been ending, might be so obviously corrected. But when this has been said, blame is done, and we hasten to welcome poems showing so much true feeling and real gift. It might have been well to put "Bertha the Queen" in the place of honour, because it is by far the best thing in the book, but this was, of course, matter for Mr. Britton's own decision. It is the legend of Charlemagne's mother, excellently told in ringing ballad measures, such as suit the subject. Perhaps "Lady Ida's Love" may rank next. This is the story of a young unknown painter, who loves the daughter of his patron, a childless—as he supposes—German Duke of mediæval times, and is therefore doomed to death. It is obvious, from the first, that the young Luigi is the long-lost heir, but the narrative is thrillingly given, and the artist's hairbreadth escape is really fine; a striking passage is the following, describing his setting out with his destined passage is the following, describing his setting out with his destined

A rosy sunflush on the sunny range
Of far-off mountains, and the many spires
That shot above the city, piercing far
The hyaline; and all the happy morn
As clear and frank as is a young maid's brow,
Which no doom-hint has shadowed, life and hope
In birds' clear twitter from the leaves and boughs,
Hope, life, in every sparkle of the vanes,
And lattice windows kindled by the sun,
'Neath low roofs happiness, and love, and life,
But, in the dominant palace of the place,
Sadness enough.

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We rather wish, by the bye, that Mr. Britton had seen his way to using good plain English instead of the slightly affected "hyaline," —but that is a detail. The Hymn of the Monks in this poem is extremely good, and there is dramatic fire in the passage where the old Duke finds out his hideous blunder. Amongst the other striking pieces in the volume we may note "A Lost Life," "By and Bye," and "The Headsman's Daughter,"—this last a grisly, forcible ballad; "Monk Ilian" has merit, but lacks an ending. Altogether Mr. Britton deserves somewhat uncommon praise.

A pleasant, chatty little pamphlet of verse is "Sighting Shots," by Henry Scott Vince (Frome: J. Wilson Wheeler). Several of the songs will be familiar to frequenters of the concert room, having been set by such well-known rising musicians as Florian Pascal, Eugene Barnett, and others, and the composers need in no case be

Eugene Barnett, and others, and the composers need in no case be ashamed of the words proffered to them. Personally we like "Flown" best, but "At Tel-el-Kebir" and several others are very good, and should appeal to public reciters. "The Empty Room" is another clever piece, with a quaint element of pathos in it.

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It is fair to assume that "Oscar and Esther, and Other Poems," by Frank Smith Brittain (Wyman), is a juvenile production. The author shows a cultivated mind, and has acquired a certain facility of treatment, especially in the handling of the octosyllabic measure; otherwise there is nothing to distinguish the verses from those which almost every young man of culture and verses from those which almost every young man of culture and susceptibility writes at some period of his life. The most ambitious piece, a romantic tale of thwarted love, and death,—is, strangely enough, also the best

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In "Theodora, and Other Poems," by George F. E. Scott (Kegan Paul), there are not wanting signs that the writer has, to use a homely expression, "something in him." There is at to use a homely expression, "something in him." There is at to use a homely expression, "something in him." There is at to use a homely expression, is obtained in him." There is at to use a homely expression, "something in him." There is at the same piece in the book, viz.:—"The Master's Little Daughter, of which he may justly be proud; the incident of the child's rescue and the father's self-sacrifice is probably a true one, and forcibly related in musical verse; if Mr. Scott will continue to forcibly related in musical verse; if Mr. Scott will continue to forcibly related in musical verse; if Mr. Scott will continue to forcibly reputation in his art. "Theodora" is thoughtful, but marred by the form in which it is cast; we should advise the author, for the present at any rate, to choose established metres, and to eschew metaphysics—objective poetry is plainly his forte.

With a certain dread of the consequences we proceed to speak of "The Age of Clay, a Rhythmic Satire," by William Boyli Mushet, M.B. Lond., M.R.C.P. (Wyman), since we have it on the author's authority that

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Carping critics stab
With jealous malice books they do not read,
Or comprehend;

or comprehend; and perhaps he may class us as dullards if not dishonest, but we certainly did read it, and found the task rather irksome. A tirade against things in general, in prosaic blank verse, is not calculated to raise the spirits, and though it may be that "the world is out of joint," we question much whether Dr. "the world was "born to set it right." Part of it resembles nothing so much as a metrical guide-hook to the West of Boyd-Mushet was "born to set it right." Part of it resembles nothing so much as a metrical guide-book to the West of England and elsewhere, whilst other parts painfully recall that pest of our childhood, "Mangnall's Questions." It would seen that the author believes chiefly in protoplasm, dislikes smoking and has a rooted aversion—why it is hard to say—to articles the author believes chiefly in protoplasm, dislikes smoking and has a rooted aversion—why it is hard to say—to articles that the exigencies of metre compel him to pronounce that his portrait may have been "skyed" by the Hanging Committee that his portrait may have been "skyed" by the Hanging Committee at Burlington House. Also he seems to believe that Cremorne at Burlington House. Also he seems to believe that Cremorne and Mabille still flourish, that Mr. Tom Taylor is still among us, and that the stage, in common with things generally, is in a bad way. But was it worth while to take the public into his confidence?



The Turf.—There is a fascination about the St. Leger which few sportsmen are able to withstand, even in the midst of their enjoyable and exciting pastime on mountain, moor, and loch; and, in like manner, visitors to Switzerland, the Continental Spas, and other health or pleasure resorts, feel irresistibly compelled to hurry homewards to swell the gathering of the clans at Doncaster. The attendance on the famous Town Moor was as large as ever, and the enthusiasm of the "tykes" as keen. They "know a horse when they see one," and the Southerner would fare badly who would call in question a Vorkshireman's equine knowledge. The fields generally did not rule large; but the racing was decidedly interesting from the beginning to the end of the meeting, and the autumn campaigm in the racing world was opened most auspiciously. The time-honoured Fitzwilliam Stakes, though not the race it once was, opened the ball, and were won by the favourite, Woodbine. Florence, another favourite, won the Clumber Plate, which followed, and backers thus were on good terms with themselves. But they were doomed to get pegged back in the Great Yorkshire Handicap, for which Duke of Albany was all the rage. Mr. Brewer's colt, however, could not get a place, and Lord Rosebery supplied the winner in Vista, who put the Great Metropolitan to his lordship's credit last spring. Only four animals contested the Champagne Stakes, which has been run for by so many crack youngsters, but quality made up for quantity, and the three beautiful fillies, Superba, Spring Morn, and Wild Thyme, reminded spectators of the trio of Graces, Kermesse, Dutch Oven, and Nellie, who went to the post for this event two years ago, and were the three "placed" animals. Odds were laid on Superba, and were never in doubt, as she won easily enough, and established her right to be considered the crack two-year-old of the season. This is the fifth year in succession a filly has won the Champagne. The St. Leger field had been gradually dwindling down in prospect for weeks before l -There is a fascination about the St. Leger which

amateur, continue more than busy on their wheels, and never was more interest taken than at the present moment in contests between cracks of both classes. At Leicester the Twenty-Five Miles Professional Championship has been decided. Though there were five starters, it was virtually a duel between Wood and Howell, and the former eventually won easily by five yards. His time was I hour 26 min. 37 sec., which is by no means a fast record, but the fact was that he would not be forced to make the running, and his opponent also practically declined to do so. Thus it was more a matter of jockeyship, legitimate enough in its way, than anything else, which resulted in favour of the best jockey.—The Fifty Miles Championship Tricycle Road Ride has been run off along a route South of London, which had to be changed from that originally contemplated, owing to the interference of the police authorities. As it is, the names of several of the competitors have been taken, as will also, it is said, be proceedings, and the question of the legality of such a contest along public highways be decided. The race was won by R. T. Marriott, of the Nottingham B.C., G. Smith, of the Merry Rovers, was second, and W. Bourdon, of the Bromley B.C., third. They all rode "Humbers," which for racing machines have won the pride of place this season.

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FOOTBALL.—The entries for the Association Challenge Cup are very numerous, and the draw has already taken place. The contest this season is likely to be unusually interesting. The first ties of the London Association Cup have also been drawn. From the list of "fixtures" already come to hand it is evident that the season already begun will be a very hot one.—In Association games already played the Bolton Wanderers have beaten Staveley; the Blackburn Olympic has beaten Turton; and the Blackburn Rovers have defeated Accrington. have defeated Accrington.

SHOOTING.—The partridge season is evidently a good one, judging both from the reports from most English counties, and

from the cheapness of the "little brown birds" at most poulterers. Hares, too, are fairly plentiful in most districts, though in some it is feared that *Lepus timidus* is in a fair way towards extermination, owing to the advantage taken of the state of the Game Laws.

AQUATICS.—Hanlan's recent defeat in America must be taken no notice of, as he was interfered with by steamers and twice swamped. It seems that business is really meant, however incredible it may strike most people, by Laycock in his challenge to Hanlan, and that we may see a match between them rowed on the Thames for a thousand pounds a side and the Championship of the World. We boast that an Englishman "never knows when he is beaten;" so perhaps do Australian scullers.

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Wood Chopping. —When the majority of us are tired of the generally recognised sports and pastimes of this country, it would seem from an advertisement this week in a sporting contemporary that there is wood-chopping to fall back upon. Alfred Field publicly challenges Dan Snell, of Camberwell, "to make a match with him to chop wood for any amount;" and Bill Ward (the Flying Guardsman) is anxious to tackle the aforesaid Alfred for a two or three days' contest at this game for 5% or 10% a-side. It is business the inmates of our workhouses know something about. Why should not wood-chopping competitions be organised among them? They would, at all events, relieve the monotony of the work which supplies us with most of the well-known little bundles.



A MEETING OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES was to have been held in the Judge's Room at Birmingham on Thursday, to discuss the mode of working the new Bankruptcy Act, and other matters directly affecting the Judges themselves. The meeting, which some consider premature, has probably been convoked thus early because the Courts are not obliged to sit in September. This will be the first time that the County Court Judges have assembled as a body out of London.

THE HIGHGATE SHOOTING CASE.—In the case of a young gentleman named Kent, who was charged with manslaughter in having caused the death of his 'father's gardener by the incautious and negligent use of a rifle, the grand jury ignored the bill, expressing the opinion that it ought not to have come before them. It is stated that Mr. Kent's father has made a provision for deceased's mother, who is a widow.

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Some Important Captures of known or suspected burglars have been made in the last few days by the police. On Saturday a man, who gave the name of Thomas Webb, master mariner, of Toronto, and a respectably-dressed woman, Mary Webb, were arrested at Kennington, and brought before Mr. Paget, on Monday, on a charge of burglary on the 25th of May, at the residence of Major Tillard at Wimbledon. It was at first believed that the male prisoner was one of the two who shot Policeman Boanes. Thirty-three skeleton keys, twelve wedges, and four "jemmies" were found at their lodgings. The man, who showed the utmost coolness, declared that the case against him was a conspiracy of the police. Three other men were brought up at Bow Street, on Saturday, for loitering about Russell Square, with housebreakers' implements in their possession. The prisoners made a desperate resistance, severely injuring one constable with a jemmy. A fourth man contrived to get away. In the East of London W. Cecil, a glass-blower, and J. Anderson, a tramp, have been committed for trial for burglaries in Bethnal Green and at a cottage near Barking.—At Birmingham the police have effected the arrest of J. Biddle, the so-called "King of the Midland Poachers," who was only released three months ago from penal servitude. Mr. Biddle had since been devoting his energies to extensive robberies of meat and poultry, which he disposed of through his accomplices, the chief of whom has since been arrested, at low but remunerative rates.—A special meeting of the superintendents of the twenty divisions of Metropolitan Police has been held in Scotland Yard, to discuss the methods of dealing with armed burglars. Double patrols, and, in lieu of the old-fashioned rattle, a powerful whistle of American invention fixed at the end of the truncheon, and adding its weight as a weapon, were unanimously approved of. Six only advocated the adoption of the revolver.

advocated the adoption of the revolver. LITTLE COMFORT could be given by the Magistrate at West Ham to a deputation of depositors in the Penny Bank. It would be a great misfortune, he said, if nothing could be done; and they had better submit the matter to the Public Prosecutor. But will that functionary move?

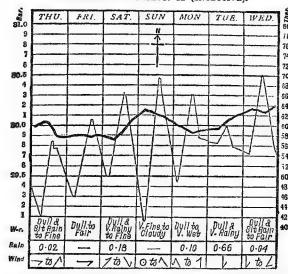
A NOVEL DISPUTE between a cabman and his fare was decided by Sir A. Lusk—legally, no doubt, but a little hardly—against "cabby." He had driven a passenger to the Cannon Street Station and been paid a shilling. On his claiming an extra two-pence for luggage, the hirer jumped into the cab again and was driven to Threadneedle Street, where he procured change. But cabby now wanted another shilling for a new hiring, and took out a summons to enforce the claim. Somewhat regretfully, we fancy, it was ruled by Sir Andrew Lusk that the new hiring did not begin till the first fare had been paid in full, and, as the entire distance was only a shilling fare, he had no option but to dismiss the summons.

TRUE BILLS were found this week, at the Central Criminal Court against W. Haycroft, for the murder of his wife, and W. Gouldstone, for the murder of his five children. The trial of the latter was postponed till Friday, to give time for the counsel employed for the defence. Much sympathy has been felt for Gouldstone among his fellow-workmen, who believe him to have acted under an impulse of insanity, and considerable sums raised among them for his defence. them for his defence.

LORD COLERIDGE continues to have a "good time," in American phrase, in the United States. At Portsmouth a revenue cutter was placed at his disposal to carry him to Boston, where he was cordially received by the representatives of the Massachusetts Bar, and by General Butler, the Governor of the State. On Saturday he made a very neat speech on the famous lawyers America has produced, and the ties of mutual regard and goodwill which should always bind the two countrie together. The Rochester Bar entertain him on the 18th, and Chicago has promised a public welcome should he come so far West. come so far West.

SIR W. HARCOURT has ordered the release next month of Dr. Story, sentenced at the Bedfordshire Winter Assizes in 1881 to five years' penal servitude for incendiarism. The Doctor, who has always denied the charge, was sixty-eight years of age, and scarcely responsible for his actions, through injuries to his head from having been thrice sun-stricken abroad. been thrice sun-stricken abroad.

WEATHER CHART FOR THE WEEK FROM SEPT. 6 TO SEPT. 12 (INCLUSIVE).



EXPLANATION.—The thick line shows the variations in the height of the barometer during the past week ending Wednesday midnight. The fine line shows the shade temperature for the same interval, and gives the maximum and minimum readings for each day, with the (approximate) time at which they occurred. The information is furnished to us by the Meteorological Office.

REMARKS.—Unsettled weather, with much cloud, has prevailed during this period. Barometric pressure throughout the greater part of the time has been high in the south, low in the north, but finally the lowest readings were to be found along our southern and south-eastern coasts. On Thursday (6th inst.) a subsidiary depression travelled along southern England from the south-east of Ireland, and caused dull, unsettled, rainy weather. The burometer remained very steady on Friday (7th inst.), and although rain fell nearly all over England, London escaped with a dull day. In the course of Saturday (8th inst.) the mercury began to rise over the United Kingdom, and continued till the moraing of the next day, when a rather general fall set in, the weather experienced during these two days being at first rainy, but afterwards very fine. On Monday and Tuesday (1oth and 11th inst.) a depression passed over southern England, occasioning very wet weather, while on Wednesday, with a recovery of the barometer and uniform readings generally, a distinct improvement set in. Temperature shows little difference from the average. The barometer was highest (70°) on Wednesday (12th inst.); lowest (41°) on Sunday (9th inst.); range, 23°. Rain fell on five days. Total amount, 1 oo inches. Greatest fall on any one day, 0.66 inch, on Tuesday (12th inst.).

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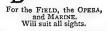
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CHAPTER XIV.

THE GENERAL IS FACETIOUS

"Whenever I have loved a woman," says Alfred de Musset somewhere, "I have told her of it; whenever I have ceased to love her I have also told her of it, believing that in such matters there is nothing to be ashamed of, except falsehood." Perhaps it is just as well for the peace of society that not many people have sufficient audacity to adopt the poet's system; although there is an irresponsible simplicity about it which is not without attraction. I debated seriously with myself, during the journey home, whether I ought not to inform Maud of my perfidy; and I believe that the conclusion: I came to was that such was indeed my duty, being at the same time perfectly well aware that I lacked the requisite courage for its performance. It was true that I had been forbidden to speak to her of love at all; but there was little comfort to be got out of that recollection. I was a poor hand at acting a lie, and I was unable to devise any means of even hinting at the truth.

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"The Rector has been persuaded to give himself a short leave of absence," my uncle, who had come to meet me at the station, informed me, as we drove homewards. "You need not allude to this before my mother, because it is rather a sore subject with her. I am afraid it was she who induced Jorkins, the Ebenezer man, to go down to the Rectory and challenge Dennison to a controversy about infant baptism. Dennison received him very well, got down his theological books, and they had a great palaver, each of course claiming to have put the other to silence. So far so good; but unluckily Jorkins returned to the charge, bringing three influential Nonconformists from Yarmouth with him, and in the presence of all four of them poor Dennison was betrayed into declaring that he considered an unbaptised infant had just as good a chance of going to Heaven as he or Jorkins had, not to say a better one. After that, one can't be surprised that Jorkins should have written a powerful treatise entitled 'Total Immersion versus Superstition, or the Bad Faith of the State Clergy Unmasked;' but I don't think he ought to have mentioned Dennison in it by name, and then sent a copy of the thing to the Rectory. Anyhow, Dennison lost his temper, and, meeting Jorkins the next day, threatened to totally immerse him in the nearest horse-pond. Up came Jorkins, very angry, to ask for a summons, which of course I declined to grant; and things were smoothed over after a fashion. But I had a great deal of trouble about it," added my uncle with a sigh, "and some bad feeling was stirred up in the parish; and the upshot of it was that Dennison was prevailed upon to go to Lowestoft for change of air, leaving the curate to reign in his stead until all these winds of doctrine should have time to blow themselves out."

"The parish will never want bracing breezes so long as Mrs. Farquhar is at hand to stir them up," I remarked,

provided with a topic upon which I could speak without embarrassment. "Is there no chance of her going away anywhere for change of air?"

My uncle smiled and shook his head. "She does a great deal of good in the parish, after her own fashion," said he; "and she and Dennison are becoming accustomed to one another. They wrangle, of course, but I think they rather like that."

It was easy to see that he did not like it much himself, poor old man; and if I had been less preoccupied with my personal concerns I might have felt more indignant when I discovered how little peace he was allowed to enjoy, and how completely Mrs. Farquhar had taken the management of his own household out of his hands. To me Mrs. Farquhar was, as usual, gracious and affectionate. She took an early opportunity of telling me that she had heard nothing further of Harry (whom, I must confess, I had almost forgotten), and "I'm thinking," said she, "that he will just have made up his mind to pass out of our lives." She added—by way, I suppose, of showing that she was not so hard-hearted as her words might seem to imply—that she always remembered him in her prayers. Presumably it was for his spiritual, not his temporal welfare that she interceded upon those occasions.

Thirlby was no longer the hermitage that it had once been. Mrs. Farquhar generally had a few, and sometimes a good many, friends staying in the house, besides entertaining the neighbourhood pretty frequently at dinners and garden-parties. This she called "taking an interest in her fellow-creatures," and inculcated as a Christian duty upon certain persons who were too apt to take an interest in nothing but themselves and their books. My uncle accepted it all in good part, only stipulating that he should be left in undisturbed possession of the library—a point which I believe that he did not carry without opposition.

To the library he generally betook himself after breakfast, and thither I followed him, glad to hear his quite, kindly voice again, and to listen to his talk, which was

I had so often walked with Maud, the Broads where I had sailed and fished and skated with her, were so many mute accusers. I breathed more freely when I was away from them all, and settled in London with the coach who had undertaken to prepare me for my impending examination. I was made to work tolerably hard during the four or five months that I spent under his roof, and was forbidden to take any part in the gaieties of the London season. For these, however, I had no sort of inclination. I sometimes wondered whether Lady Constance was one of the riders or the gaily-dressed pedestrians whom I used to see in the distance, as I took my daily morning walk through the Park; but, oddly enough, I experienced no longing to see her at this time. I was confident that, as she had said, we should meet again before we were much older; and I was content to await the approach of destiny.

I don't know whether the dreadful hobgoblin of Competition, which has been raised in these later times by well-meaning persons, and which to an old fogey like myself seems in a fair way to put an end to all thorough education, has yet cast its unholy shade upon the sacred precincts of the Foreign Office; but in my young days our nerves were harassed by no haunting dread of a proxime accessit. We were asked to show a certain degree of proficiency in the subjects required by our profession, and, having done that, received our appointments in due course. When my time came, I had no pay for my success was that of spending an entire summer in the smoky atmosphere of London. At any other time I might have considered this a genuine grievance enough; but, things being as they were, I did not complain of it. No prisoner was ever less eager to regain his freedom, or more puzzled to know what to do with it when he had got it, than I was. I lingered on in London for some days longer than was necessary, explaining in a letter to my uncle what, indeed, was the truth, that I was anxious to be upon the spot in order to find out whether I had any chance of

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The wished-for information reached me promptly and unexpectedly. I was strolling down deserted Pall Mall, one warm September morning, when I was almost knocked off my legs by a tremendous slap on the back, and the General's jovial voice called out—"Hullo, Charley, my boy! you're the very fellow I wanted to see. Let me be the first to congratulate you upon your appointment."

"I've passed my examination all right," answered I, after shaking hands with my old friend; "I haven't got an appointment yet."

"Oh yes, you have; you'll hear of it officially in a day or two. Come into the Club and have some lunch, and I'll tell you all about it."

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The General was in the best of good spirits. He had just returned from the moors, where he had had capital sport, and had been shooting above his average, so he said. Having to spend a day in London, he had made a point of calling at the Foreign Office, in order to put in a word for me with those in authority before pro-

ccedling to Canterbury, where he was about to hold an inspection of cavalry. "When that's over, we'll hold an inspection of the partridges, eh, Charley?" said he, giving me a nudge with his elbow as we mounted the steps of the military club to which he holdered.

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"Well," he continued, when he had ordered luncheon and we had seated ourselves at a table beside the open window, "I'm glad to say that you have dropped into as good a berth as a young fellow could wish to start with. Franzenshöhe is a lively place in its way, could wish to start with. Franzenshöhe is a lively place in its way, they tell me, and your chief is the best fellow that ever stepped. Rossan—Paddy Rossan, we used to call him at school—a first-rate fellow! I looked in to see Drummond—the permanent man at the fellow! I looked in to see Drummond—the permanent man at the fellow of some use to you; but, gad sir! I found I had been forestalled. The ladies—ah, you young rascal, you've found out

to be of some use to you; but, gad sir! I found I had been forestalled. The ladies—ah, you young rascal, you've found out already what the ladies can do for us! And I dare say you know precious well whom you have to thank for your appointment."

I did indeed know, and the knowledge agitated me more than I cared to show. "I suppose it must be Lady Constance Milner, whom I met at Naples last winter," said I, as indifferently as I could. "Isn't she a sister of Lord Rossan's?"

"A half-sister. Rossan is old enough to be her father—a contemporary of my own, I'm sorry to say. Dear, dear! how time does go on! Lady Constance is a deuced agreeable woman and a great friend of mine," continued the General, twirling his moustache. "Some people are pleased to-say ill-natured things about her; but I take it that some people's ill-natured things are as good as a compliment, eh?"

"I thought Lady Constance very pleasant," said I, not venturing to change the subject at once.

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"Devil doubt you! You've made an impression in that quarter, "Devil doubt you! You've made an impression in that quarter, my boy; and upon my word, without meaning to flatter you too much, I don't wonder at it!" cried the General, beaming at me over his glass of sherry. "Ah, dear me! I wish I could change places with you!"

"I wish you could, with all my heart!" thought I to myself; but I merely remarked aloud that I was not so sure that young men had the best of it in everything.

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"God bless my soul!" called out the General, swallowing the bait, "do you mean to tell me you don't hold the best cards? If we old fellows cut you out every now and then, it's because we know how to play the game, let me tell you, and because you don't take advantage of your opportunities. Now I'll tell you a curious thing that happened to me when I was aide-de-camp to Lord Beresford at Lisbon in the year Twenty."

Once embarked upon the fruitful theme of his exploits in love and war, the General forgot all about Lady Constance, and I was spared

war, the General forgot all about Lady Constance, and I was spared any repetition of painful pleasantries. "My respects to Bernard," he said, as we parted, "and tell old Bunce I'm game to walk him off his legs yet. You may expect me down at Thirlby in a day or two."

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He took it for granted that I was going to Thirlby; and indeed I could scarcely do otherwise than return home, though it was with some reluctance and trepidation that I took my railway ticket. Nevertheless, time had produced the effect upon me that time always does produce upon every one. I had become accustomed to the situation; I had even begun to make some excuses for myself. Taking the worst possible view of my conduct, it could not be said that I had broken any engagement; Maud had refused to hear of my love, and had given me no sort of hint that it was returned; my uncle had said in so many words that only time and absence could prove the sincerity of my feelings. These pleas did not satisfy me; but I made use of them in default of better ones, and the mere reiteration of them gave me a kind of confidence.

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The dreaded meeting, which took place the day after my return home, proved, like the generality of dreaded events, much less formidable than I had expected. Maud and the Rector came up to the Hall to welcome and congratulate me, and the former was so self-possessed, so friendly, so apparently oblivious of the circumstances under which we had parted, that—unreasonable as it may seem—I was a little disappointed in her. I myself was anything but self-possessed; but I remembered that she would naturally set down my embarrassment to any cause rather than the right one, and her my embarrassment to any cause rather than the right one, and her my embarrassment to any cause rather than the light one, and the determination to put me at my ease was successful after a time. What gave me a sharp pang of remorse was the absurd behaviour of Scamp, whom she had brought with her, and who greeted me with the most extravagant demonstrations of delight, tearing round and round the room till all the breath was out of his body, and finally prostrating himself before me with all four legs in the air, as he had been wont to do in old days when he wanted his breast-bone with out for some reason one rubbed with my foot—a form of attention which, for some reason or other, was especially grateful to his feelings. The contrast between his fidelity and my own inconstancy struck me so forcibly that I bent over him a great deal longer than was necessary; for I felt as if

Mand must discover the truth, if I raised my eyes.

"I hope you don't want your dog back, Charley," she said;

"because I give you fair warning that I don't mean to surrender him now. Mr. Le Marchant formally made him over to me in your name, and he really has a genuine regard for me; though you might not suppose it from the way he is going on at this

moment.

"He has always been your property," said I; "you know I

bought him for you.

bought him for you."

She was looking more lovely than ever, I noticed—if that had any longer been any business of mine. It was dreadful to me to think that I had renounced her; and yet I never for one moment felt it possible that that mute renunciation could be recalled.

I was glad when she went away. The Rector had half-an-hour's argument with Mrs. Farquhar, in the course of which I overheard her telling him that he was "just like the horse and mule, which have no understanding;" and then the visit came to an end. I did not offer to walk back with my friends, as I should certainly have done a year before.

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After a day or two the General arrived, in fulfilment of his promise; and, George Warren coming over with his gun, we had a very good afternoon among the turnips and the stubble. A good very good afternoon among the turnips and the stubble. A good afternoon, that is to say, for my fellow-sportsmen; I, myself, being out of sorts, shot badly and incurred the serious displeasure of Bunce, who observed that he didn't think nowt o' them furrineerin' trips, nor yet of kicking your healers Tondoo all the life of the control trips, nor yet of kicking your heels in London all the blessed summer through. "I don't see no call for it," he concluded decisively. The truth was that Bunce was not the only person present who was displeased with me, and I was uncomfortably aware of the fact. George Warren, on being informed of my intended destination, had put on a very grave face, and when I tried to turn the matter off by remarking that I believed Franzenshöhe was not half a bad sort of place, and that I hoped to get some shooting there, and so forth, he only looked me full in the eyes for a moment, said, "Ah—I don't know, I'm sure," and changed the subject. I had not cared much about George's censures a few months back; but times were changed

about George's censures a few months back; but times were changed now, and his very presence made me ashamed.

Nor was the day to close without shame of a still worse kind falling upon me. As we were drawing near home in the evening, we were met by my uncle and the Rector and Maud, who had walked out to inquire what sport we had had; and after the bag had been inspected and we had all resumed our march in a body, the Rector took it into his head to ask when I was to proceed to my post, innocently remarking that I was a lucky fellow to be sent to one of the European Courts, instead ou to Persia or Peru or some one of the European Courts, instead on to Persia or Peru or some such outlandish country. Up to that time the General had made no

allusion to my future career; but the Rector's observation put him in mind of what I had fondly hoped he had forgotten, and he must needs choose this most inopportune moment for informing the company, with a knowing wink, that I had powerful allies at my back.

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"Upon my life, Bernard, you must look after this fellow; he's a sad dog, I can tell you! I thought I might be able to give him a sid dog, I can tell you! I thought I might be able to give him a sid dog, I can tell you! I thought I might be able to give him a sid to g

of them the same expression of mingled compassion and contempt. It was a miserable moment. If I had had any presence of mind at all, I should have pursued the subject, or at all events said something, no matter what; but the sense of my guilt overpowered me, and I maintained a dismal silence, thereby making it perfectly clear to everybody that there was more ground for the General's insinuations than he himself supposed.

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After that day Lady Constance was no more spoken of in my presence. What my uncle thought about her, or whether he thought about her at all, I could not guess; but he asked no questions, and was to all outward appearance quite easy in his mind with regard to my future. Maud, on her side, was scarcely less reticent, and assumed, when we met, that friendly, elder-sisterly demeanour which I had so greatly resented in days gone by, but of which I no longer felt entitled to complain. I gathered from one or two ambiguous phrases that she was even rather pleased than otherwise with what she evidently regarded as a passing fancy for a lady far above my reach; that she considered such adventures as a wholesome part of experience, and that the notion that she herself had any claims upon me was one that had never entered her head. This was all very well, and it was of course satisfactory to find how This was all very well, and it was of course satisfactory to find how little importance she had attached to my boyish devotion; still, I should have been better pleased if she had been just a little bit angry. Moreover, if she was to know of my subjection by Lady Constance at all, I did not wish her to think of it as a less serious matter than it really was

matter than it really was.

An official command to take up my new duties without delay came ere long to put an end to a situation which was fast becoming unbearable; and I left Thirlby, glad, indeed, that the woeful disclosure had been as good as made, yet half sorry that its woeful-

ness should have been so imperfectly appreciated.

CHAPTER XV.

FRANZENSHÖHE

THE ancient Duchy of Suabia, raised to the rank of a Kingdom The ancient Duchy of Suabia, raised to the rank of a Kingdom by the first Napoleon, and confirmed in that dignity at the Congress of Vienna, was one of the most smiling, prosperous, and contented of the secondary German States. Its low vine-clad hills, its pine-woods, and rocky heights, among which the River Schlummerbach lazily meandered on its way to join the Rhine, its high-roofed villages, overtopped by the Gothic spires of a less material age, were the pride of the broad-shouldered, broad-faced folks who saluted all strangers with a bow and a friendly Guten Morgen—a race whose grievances were few, and whose placid enjoyment of existence required nothing beyond a sufficiency of beer and an occasional kirmess to keep it going.

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Franzenshöhe, the capital, had a European celebrity as the chosen home of many musicians, artists, authors, and philosophers, all of whom flourished under the sway of King Rudolf II., a monarch of refined and literary tastes, whose ancestors had ruled in the land since the thirteenth century, and from whom he had inherited a private fortune large enough to justify him in liberally subsidising the Hof-theater, building a fine new picture-gallery, and otherwise embellishing his modest metropolis.

Insignificant States, like insignificant persons, get on best in the world by doing as their neighbours do; and accordingly Suabia, which had pursued this line of conduct with success through more than one troublous period of history, had its Revolution in 1848, when riots broke out and barricades were thrown up in some of the ridge stream of Expressible and Secret for persons by the send secret for the send of the send secret of Expressible and Secret for the send secret of Expressible and Secret for the send secret for the secret for side-streets of Franzenshöhe, and several fire-arms were let off; insomuch that King Rudolf felt it necessary to withdraw under cover of night to the neighbouring Royal castle of Friedensberg, there to plant his cabbages like Diocletian, while a Provisional Government took up the relinquished reins of power. Being sought out in this retirement by a deputation of citizens who demanded a fresh Constitution, His Majesty begged them to take anything they liked and go away, but positively declined to re-enter the capital. Subsequent events enabled him to return in a sort of triumph to the bosom of his faithful people, when, following the example of greater potentates, he promptly withdrew the Constitution which he had

granted, and all went on as before.

But the memory of these events was already becoming dim in 1853, by which time sovereigns had settled themselves comfortably down upon their thrones again, and a long period of peace seemed to have been entered upon. A small cloud, it is true, had arisen in the East; but nobody believed that Russia meant fighting; nobody the East; but nobody believed that Russia meant fighting; nobody thought that the future had anymenace to the tranquillity of Europe, and least of all to that of Suabia, where politics were seldom discussed, and where the British Minister was rather an ornamental than a useful personage. It would be unjust alike to the Foreign Office and to Lord Rossan to say that his appointment to so unimportant a post was the measure of his abilities. The Foreign Office, as everybody knows, rises above mere considerations of ability in its selection of fit persons to represent Her Majesty abroad and Lord Rossan was universally admitted to present abroad, and Lord Rossan was universally admitted to possess all the claims to promotion that experience, good sense, and success of an unassuming kind can furnish. If, after upwards of a quarter of a century spent in the service, he had obtained no higher prize than a second-class Legation, it was probably because he lacked uncles and cousins, and also because he was singularly deficient in that ambition which was meat, drink, and raiment to his half-sister. His estates in Ireland, which he never visited, were said to be heavily mortgaged; his carelessness and liberality were known to bear an inverse relation to the length of his purse: perhaps he preferred the repose and economy of Franzenshöhe, where nobody, except the King, was rich, to the chances of distinction offered by more brilliant and expensive capitals. At Franzenshöhe he lived, to use his own expression, like a fighting-cock. He had a house as big as a palace expression, the a lighting-cock. The had a house as big as a palace (indeed, it was generally spoken of by the natives as the Englische Balais); he had an excellent cook and a cosmopolitan circle of friends and acquaintances. "And what more would you have?" as he himself was wont to inquire. "Hasn't the Queen given me all I ever asked for?—not to mention my Blue Ribbon of St. Patrick, which I didn't ask for, and which cost me more than it was worth, between ourselves."

At the time when I was privileged to make his acquaintance he was an elderly gentleman with an erect figure, a close-shaven, good-humoured face, and a Celtic twinkle about the corners of his grey eyes. He was popular with all classes of society, and especially so eyes. He was popular with all classes or society, and especially so with his subordinates, in whose company he was fond of relating good stories, to which a suspicion of a brogue lent additional humour. The brogue disappeared, together with the shooting-coat of everyday life, when he assumed his Ministerial functions, and at such day fife, when he assumed in statem infolis, and at such times Lord Rossan displayed a dignity, a courtesy, and an acquaintance with the minor points of etiquette which had won him golden opinions at the somewhat punctilious Court to which he was accredited. By his wife, a gentle, delicate little old lady, who had the appearance of being considerably his senior, and upon whose life the loss of an only son had, many years back, cast a promote the loss of an only son had, many years back, cast a promote the loss of an only son had, many years back, cast a promote the loss of an only son had, many years back, cast a promote the loss of an only son had, many years back, cast a promote the loss of an only son had, many years back, cast a permanent gloom, he was adored as the best and wisest of mankind. Lady Rossan was not less kind-hearted, though she was a good deal less popular, than the sprightly Minister. She performed her duties well and easily, but without enthusiasm; she was much given to works of charity, but was not very enthusiastic about them either: the two strongest feelings in her nature were a profound admiration for the husband and an almost equally profound horror of her husband's

All the above details became known to me before I had been long domiciled with this amiable and unaffected couple. They received me with the utmost kindness; bright and sunny rooms were provided for me in a corner of their big house, and I soon found myself as much at home with them as if I had known them all my life. The other members of the Legation happened to be married men, with the exception of one, who was away on leave, and thus I was thrown into more constant and familiar intercourse with my chief than I might otherwise have been. By the aid of his friendly hints and introductions I made friends in a very short time with all the pleasantest people in Franzenshöhe; I accompanied him to several pleasantest people in Franzenshöhe; I accompanied him to several shooting-parties in the neighbourhood; and altogether I should have found my new fashion of life thoroughly enjoyable, if I had not been firmly convinced that enjoyment was no longer among my capacities. Of Lady Constance Lord Rossan did not say much, beyond confirming the General's report that she had specially recommended me to him, and I was too timid to do more than ask where she was; to which he replied that he believed she was paying visits in England, but that her movements were so erratic that it was difficult to say

where she might be at any given moment.

One morning, however, he came in to breakfast with an open letter in his hand, and called out across the table:—"Elizabeth, can we find room in our barrack for a lady who wants a drawing-room to herself, and brings a courier and a maid with her? Con writes to me that she intends spending the winter here."

Dismay was vividly depicted upon Lady Rossan's features; but she answered obediently:—"Certainly, dear; there is no difficulty about rooms. But I am afraid Constance will find a winter at Franzenshöhe very dull."

"Not she," returned Lord Rossan. "I will say for her that, if she knows anything at all, she knows how to make the most of such materials as fall to her hand. Set Con down at Timbuctoo to-morrow, and I'll answer for it that before a month is out she'll have wormed herself into the confidence of the King, started a plot to the coff his throng struck up a hard flittetion with the Prima turn him off his throne, struck up a hard flirtation with the Prime Minister, and made a pot of money by depreciating ivory in the market, and then buying it all up. Now isn't that true, Maxwell?"

I laughed, and said I hoped not.

"I am sure Mr. Maxwell thinks much more highly of Lady Constance than you do, dear," said Lady Rossan, quietly.

I glanced apprehensively at her, but could not discover any sign of latent irony upon her pale, grave face. Perhaps she only intended to convey a deferential note of warning to her husband, who was apt to be a little incautious in his remarks sometimes. I was not unprepared for the news of Lady Constance's proposed was not unprepared for the news of Lady Constance's proposed visit. For some time past I had felt sure that she would come; and for some time, too, I had been conscious of a great desire to see her once more. The first feeling of anger and irritation with which I had found myself enrolled in the ranks of her numerous worshippers had passed away, and had given place—I won't say to worshippers had passed away, and had given place—I won't say to the heartache of a forsaken lover, but rather to the craving of for opium-eater for the drug which has grown into a necessity of life for him. The parallel is not a pretty one; but it serves as well as another to express the peculiar fascination which Lady Constance exercised over me. I should have been very glad to be able to live without her, but I was certain that I couldn't live without her.

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My mind was set at rest as to the last of these queries by Lord Rossan, who, having other engagements, requested me to await his sister's arrival at the station; the remainder were speedily responded to by Lady Constance herself. Most people are tired, grimy, and cross after a long railway journey: Lady Constance stepped out on to the platform looking as fresh and neat as if she had just left her cross after a long railway journey: Lady Constance stepped out off to the platform looking as fresh and neat as if she had just left her dressing-room, and, in reply to my inquiry, told me that she didn't know what it was to be physically fatigued. Then, as we had a few minutes to wait while Antonio was collecting her trunks, she looked me all over from head to foot, and remarked:—

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"I shouldn't be affronted if it were true," I answered; "but it isn't. I have always understood that human growth stops at the age of twenty-one, and I am past that age."

"Well; you will allow me to say that you have developed. Particularly if I add that you have improved."

I answered, perhaps a little sulkily, that I was glad she thought so. I did not quite like the turn that the conversation was taking and broke it off to suggest that we should drive on to the Legation and let the servants follow with the luggage. But she took it up again as soon as we were seated in the open carriage which was waiting for us. "Yes," she said, "you have improved. You are less of a hobbledehov than you were, and you have already put on less of a hobbledehoy than you were, and you have already put on a certain professional swagger which is not unbecoming. I am sorry, however, to detect traces of care upon your countenance. Would it be presuming too far to ask whether you have been crossed in love?"

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This was a little too bad. "Really," I exclaimed, "if you can't answer that question, I don't know who can."

"Ah," she said, "I think I do remember your telling me something about an engaging young creature in the country to whom you were attached. I trust you didn't find that your Phyllis had taken up with another Corydon during your absence."

"I don't know," said I, coldly, "what your object is in putting me off like this; but it seems to me that you are rather over-acting your part. You will hardly persuade me that you have forgotten Taormina so soon."

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She laughed a little. "It is more than six months since we were at Taormina. Still, I don't forget what I said to you that afternoon. I remember, among other thing, telling you that, if you cared about keeping my friendship, you must be content to accept me for what I am. I was in one frame of mind at Taormina; I am in quite another to-day. You strike me as being wanting in quickness of perception, which is a great defect in a diplomatist." SEPT. 15, 1883

I was obliged to confess to myself that there was some justice in er rebuke, and moreover that an open carriage, made conspicuous er rebuke, and moreover that an open carrage, made conspicuous y a gorgeous chasseur on the box, was perhaps not quite the place or saying all that was on the tip of my tongue. I took patience and made no rejoinder; and during the remainder of our short live she entertained me with an account of her journey from London and a description of her fellow-travellers, to which I listened in not a description. We parted in the courtyard of the Legation, and I did not see her again until dinner time, when I had the and I did not see her and of watching her effect the leasure of sitting opposite to her, and of watching her effect the asy conquest of a flaxen-haired young officer of dragoons.

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WE are not quite sure that it was altogether well done to tell afresh the story of "Mary Lamb" in a new volume of "The Eminent Women Series" (W. H. Allen and Co.), for the sister of the gentle "Elia" can scarcely be classed in strictness among women of eminence, and the pathetic details of her private life might have been left to form a sad but indispensable chapter in the biography of her brother. Still, if the task must needs be performed, Mrs. Gilchrist has executed it with considerable skill, and has given us a great interesting picture, not only of Mary Lamb herself, and her most interesting picture, not only of Mary Lamb herself, and her slight but not unnoteworthy contributions to the literature of her day, but of the friends who gathered round the Lambs in their day, but of the friends who gathered round the Lambs in their modest chambers in the Temple, or at a later period in what was then the pure country of Dalston, or of the cottage by the New River. The "Tales from Shakespeare," to which Mary Lamb contributed no less than fourteen out of twenty, still constitute her highest claim to literary distinction, though other of her writings and very many of her brightly genial letters do not pale even when placed in juxtaposition with her brother's. The little-known "Essay on Needlework," which Mrs. Gilchrist reprints in full from the pages of the British Ladies' Magazzine, though sensible and well-written, seems scarcely worthy of a chapter to itself. Mary Lamb was evidently one of those who thought a woman's highest work was to make her husband happy. Few even now can read again of the mental aberrations which darkened at recurring intervals the clear judgment and the ready wit, without feeling how the constant strain imposed on the devoted brother-guardian excuses the constant strain imposed on the devoted brother-guardian excuses

many a lapse into intemperance, and how uncharitable, at least in his case, was Carlyle's snarl of cynic sarcasm.

In "Sheridan," the last addition to the admirable series of "English Men of Letters" (Macmillan and Co.), Mrs. Oliphant has chosen a subject in which her facile pen is seen to great advantage. The story of the brilliant Anglo-Irishman, orator, dramatist, when of wit and pleasure by these and incomparable so long The story of the brilliant Anglo-Irishman, orator, dramatist, man of wit and pleasure by turns, and incomparable, so long as he was in the vein, in each capacity, is fairly well known, but will well bear re-telling by an accomplished writer; and Mrs. Oliphant has wisely confined herself here to the narrative of his career as a public man—a "comet" not "of one season," but of thirty—without any attempt at the collection of "ana" generally dubious and not infrequently unsavoury. The criticism of generally dubious and not infrequently unsavoury. The criti-his dramatic works is perhaps the best part of the volume. dramatist, Sheridan never flagged while he retained his health; in other matters it seems rather doubtful whether he was capable of continuous effort, or was not rather great by flashes which grew fainter each time they were repeated. The story of his sad latter days, when debts and drink had done their worst, and his grand friends had all abandoned him, to re-appear in a long train of car-

riages at his funeral, is told with exceeding pathos and good taste.

Would Sheridan, we wonder, have been too amazed to laugh over
the strange volume, "Study and Stimulants" (A. Heywood and Co.), in which Mr. A. A. Reade has brought together one hundred "communications from men of letters and science on the use of intoxicants and narcotics in relation to intellectual life?" The letters, we confess, are vastly amusing, especially when the writer, like Professor Mayor, indulges in tours de force of abstinence which like Professor Mayor, indulges in tours de force of abstinence which incline us, as the Greek sage put it, to defer judgment till his postmortem. But they tell us very little, except that excess in the use of stimulants is injurious, and that possibly the man of calculations would do best if he abstained from alcohol, while for the man of fancy or imagination the merry aphorism of old Cratinus is as true now as in the days of Horace. Of all the opinions, we like Mr. Matthew Arnold's best: "Wine used in moderation adds to the agreeableness of life, and whatever adds to the agreeableness of life adds to its resources and powers."

It would need, we fear, a Palgrave and a Kingsley rolled in one to arouse in the home reader any vivid interest in "British Honduras" (S. Low and Co.). Mr. A. R. Gibbs, however, has done his best, and has certainly given us some readable chapters on the

his best, and has certainly given us some readable chapters on the history of the settlement from the times of the buccaneers when there was "never peace with the Spaniards beyond the line," down to the last trivial frontier dispute with Mexico. The Indian antito the last trivial frontier dispute with Mexico. The Indian antiquities, too, of this old dominion of the Toltees are far from inconsiderable, though as yet only imperfectly explored; while far in the interior roam "the unbaptised Indians," whom white men seldom venture to approach. At present the colony is in "a transition state," the demand for its wood having terribly fallen off, while other industries lack capital for their development. The desire that this last want may be supplied is one, we suspect, of the chief motives for the publication of this instructive little volume.—
"The Republic of Uruguay," on the other hand (E. Stanford), takes us among scenes to which many an intending emigrant has turned his eyes, and its value now is much enhanced by the fact that Mr. Mulhall's admirable "Handbook" has been for some time out of print. Though small in comparison with its Argentine neighbour the Banda Oriental offers many attractions to enterprising men of the farm labourer class, and, nestling under the prising men of the farm labourer class, and, nestling under the shadow of Brazil, is altogether, we suspect, more law-abiding, and certainly less liable to domestic revolutions, than the territories which stretch away from Buenos Ayres far into the Pampas. Its breeds of sheep and cattle are widely renowned, and an important export trade is beginning to spring up in cereals. The present volume, published by authority, gives ample statistics of the condition of the country, now rapidly reviving from the depression of '73 to '77, and may well be commended to all who are bold enough to

try their fortunes where men speak another tongue.
In his "Ramayana of Tulsi Dás," Mr. Growse has given Indian scholars the first complete translation into English of the Hindoo version of the popular Epic of North Western India, a version we are assured whose inferiority in style, and here and there in elevated sentiment to the original Sanskrit of Valmíkí, is more than compensated by its higher general level, and its superiority as "a trustworthy guide to the living faith of the Hindoo at the present day." The work, of which the first instalment was issued in 1876, has been excellently got-up at the Government Press—not sumptu-ously, but with the scholarly care which passeth show—and is ously, but with the scholarly care which passeth snow—and is enriched with numerous photographs, some copied from an illuminated MS. belonging to the Maharajah of Benares, others

reproductions by the Autotype Company of views of Chitrakut and its neighbourhood by a native photographer.

Although few will care to sup again of the horrors of the Russo-Turkish War, the full reports of "The Turkish Compassionate"

Fund," edited by Mr. W. Burdett-Coutts (Remington and Co.), are still of some historical value. Much of the evidence, indeed, is published, we are told, for the first time, and as records of the mute sufferings of the Bulgarian Turks, and the untiring energy of the English agents of the Fund well deserves to be preserved. The Fund, founded in 1877, was wound up in 1882, but still boasts an admirable off-shoot in "The Turkish Women's Work Establishment" at Constantionals. ment" at Constantinople.

ment" at Constantinople.

A third volume of Professor Gardiner's "History of England" (Longmans and Co.); another of Professor Morley's "Universal Library" (Routledge and Sons), presenting side by side the "Faustus" of Marlowe and Ansted's good old version of Goethe's "Faust;" and an excellent little manual on "Physiology," by Dr. W. B. Carpenter, another of Ward and Lock's "Science Primers for the People," scarcely require ampler notice. The evils of tight lacing and other dangerous whims of fashion are clearly and tight lacing and other dangerous whims of fashion are cleverly and humorously set forth in "Dress and Health," a "book for ladies," published by J. Douglas and Son, Montreal, and issued here under the auspices of "The Ladies' Sanitary Association." The Artist's "Table of Pigments," by H. C. Standage (Wells Gardiner and Co.), gives useful information in tabular form as to "conditions of permanency and non-permanency in pigments, and easy tests for Co.), gives useful information in tabular form as to "conditions of permanency and non-permanency in pigments, and easy tests for the detection of adulterants." Mr. B. C. Saward's "Decorative Painting" (L. Upcott Gill) does good service to the amateur by furnishing him in a single hand-book with practical instructions for painting, and (where possible) etching on each and all of the five materials known to artists, textile fabrics, pottery, paper, vellum, or leather, glass or wood, and stone or metal. We could wish, or leather, glass or wood, and stone or metal. or leather, glass or wood, and stone or metal. We could wish, however, that it had not been printed on tinted paper which offends the eye. "The Study of Beauty and Art in Large Towns" (Macmillan and Co.), two papers read by Mr. T. C. Horsfall, at Nottingham and Manchester, and now reprinted as a pamphlet with a characteristic introduction by Mr. Ruskin, dwells forcibly on the urgent need of early familiarising children with beautiful things. The love of beauty, properly inculcated, is the best stepping-stone to a higher morality.



"LEWELL PASTURES," a Story of the Welsh Border-Land, by Rosa Mackenzie Kettle (1 vol., James Weir), reminds one of those ideally intense studies of the capacities of modern human nature for barbarism which owe at least a portion of their inspiration to "Wuthering Heights," and even still, perhaps, some further portion to original observation. "Wuthering Heights" has been portion to original observation. "Wuthering Heights" has been held by competent authority to have been a possible picture of character for the Yorkshire Moors not so very long ago, and therefore we must in justice accept an equal amount of possibility for Miss Kettle's studies of some districts in the Welsh marches, recommends. presumably Monmouthshire, some five and twenty years after Waterloo. A more detestable group of characters has seldom been brought together in a single volume, and their odiousness is mainly due to the very remarkable power with which they are portrayed. As with the character, so with the scenery. It is impossible to read even the first few pages of the story without vividly sharing the hero's desolate condition in the dismal and gloomy spot where his lot has fallen, and we are thus prepared for the human elements of the singular drama which follows—the half mad miser, the wholly mad old maids, the savage peasants, and so forth with whom the unfortunate ex-guardsman has to do unceasing battle for existence. There are other characters of a more conventional pattern, but even these are drawn with a hard touch that never softens, even in what, by comparison, are scenes of comedy. most completely finished, and the most original of the many dramatis persona, are the two old servants whom the the hero finds dramatis persona, are the two old servants whom the the hero finds installed in his new home, and of whom, in spite of their worse than incompetence, he can no more rid himself than Sinbad of the Old Man of the Sea. The story is less interesting than unpleasantly fascinating. One would think it must have been a disagreeable book to write, considering its inevitable effect upon its readers. But it is impossible to leave it unfinished, and the impression left by it is not likely to be effaced quickly. The plot, especially the denouement, is unskilfully managed, and it is very easy to see how it could have been improved. But in realistic effect, and in making unfamiliar beings live before our eyes as well as our minds, "Lewell Pastures" has not had many superiors. Admired the book must be, though liked it cannot be.

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"Estcourt," a novel, by Lord James Douglas (2 vols., Bentley and Son) is, so far as the first volume is concerned, a story of the Turf, written in a vein of enthusiasm which little prepares the sympathetic readers for the moral of the second—that all this is vanity. The hero, Willie Eskdale, is led to this conclusion by his experiences as a French officer in the war with Germany, to which the second volume is mainly devoted. There is a great deal of spirit and dash about all the incidents described, both sporting and military; indeed the author has obviously put his heart into his story, and writes with genuine and not merely literary enthusiasm. For this most welcome and refreshing quality the merely literary shortcomings of "Estcourt" may very readily be pardoned, multitudinous as they are. At the same time a friendly critic might easily have run his pen through certain prodigious platitudes, and very milk-and-water reflections. It is to be hoped, moreover, that the universally sordid and vulgar spirit, which, apparently without any intention of doing so, Lord James Douglas ascribes to all who have anything to do with that honest creature, the horse, from the lowest up to the highest in the land, is a good deal over-coloured. If the picture be correct it scarcely needed the experiences of war to enable a gentleman like Willie Eskdale to discover the unexpected moral. The novel is entirely composed of detached unexpected moral. incidents, and the characters are conventional and not worth particular mention. Its principal merits are liveliness and variety. Except where he pauses to reflect or describe emotions the author is

Except where he pauses to reflect or describe emotions the author is never dull.

"On Foreign Soil," a Novel, by M. Montgomery Campbell (3 vols.: F. V. White and Co.), tells the story of that most unsympathetic of beings—the weak-minded young man with an overwhelming sense of the importance of his own opinions, who is at the mercy of every immediate influence, whatever it may be. Starting as a Ritualist, he is on the point, under the momentary influence of a cousin, a Monsignor, of going to Rome. But from this he is saved by a glance, during a railway journey, at a book which at once sends him into infidelity. The possession of a volume of Schopenhauer lands him in pessimism. But the formation of an acquaintance with a very liberal clergyman re-makes a Christian of him with Broad Church views. Why the authoress leaves him there we know not—it would have been equally interestleaves him there we know not—it would have been equally interesting to follow him into the ranks of the Salvationists, and afterwards on a tour through the newly-fashionable eclectic Buddhism. However, as marriage is in prospect, he may have found a steadier influence whereon to lean. The young man is also a great musician, and indeed becomes a composer of European fame. The novel is more conspicuous for oddity than for interest. One of the peculiarities is that the German characters are made to converse at length in their native tongue, without any help to the purely English reader in the shape of translation, so that a knowledge of

German is essential to a complete perusal of the story. With curious inconsistency, however, the Italian characters speak in English: so that the German conversations cannot be accounted for on any theory of the fitness of things. Another curiosity is that the German characters have nothing to do with the story except, apparently, to talk German, and that what they say, though admirably idiomatic, is not worth saying. On the whole, the book is excellently intended as a guide to young men who are troubled by admirably idiomatic, is not worth saying. On the whole, the book is excellently intended as a guide to young men who are troubled by metaphysical vagaries, but it will rather encourage their weaknesses by misplaced sympathy than tend to their cure. By the way, apropos of languages, so good a linguist as the authoress of "On Foreign Soil" should surely be aware that the French word artiste may be rendered into an exact English equivalent simply by the subtraction of the final letter and a conversion from Italic into Roman letters. Roman letters.

A FISHY QUESTION

"IF you will give my cook a slice of bread to dress and prepare with all those additions of wine, spice, butter, and sauce, she will make you a far more delicious dish than that. Bah! the fish is beneath contempt."

My friend was perfectly correct; the fish, a very fine carp, was My friend was perfectly correct; the fish, a very fine carp, was beneath contempt. He was a glorious fellow, and we caught him—that is to say, I hooked him, played him in the lake for a quarter of an hour; and then Chiffins lifted, or rather spooned, him out with the landing-net. How we gloated over his golden scales, as he feebly wagged his tail. He seemed to be wearing a coat composed of half-sovereigns, that flashed in the setting sun. Then we weighed him with our eyes, and made him out to be about five pounds in ponderosity; and, lastly, we took him home in triumph, and, after consigning him to the larder, sat in judgment as to how he was to be cooked. This point, duly discussed by the aid of cigars, was solved by a reference to Kettner. Have you a copy of Kettner? I don't think much of your library if you have not. According to Kettner, he was duly larded à la Chambord; he was half-immersed in a Mirepoix of white wine; he was covered over with buttered

Kettner, he was duly larded à la Chambord; he was half-immersed in a Mirepoix of white wine; he was covered over with buttered paper; and braised gently. Kettner finishes by saying: "In an hour he will be fit for the dinner of a king. Fiat."

I read these words over to Chiffins next day, after we had partaken of the carp, and he first said "Walker." After that he delivered himself as above, and I am bound to say that he was right. Finally, speaking with the old experiences of fishermen who have caught and cooked pretty well every fresh-water fish that swims, from the small roach to the fierce pike and the lordly trout, we agree with Sam Weller that "it is the seasonin' as doesit," for, speaking generally, your fresh-water fish is the poorest bony trash that was ever cooked; and it is nothing without its sauce. We say speaking generally, for of course there are exceptions. Grilled trout are delicious, and one need go far to find, if well cooked, a pleasanter fry than fresh stream gudgeon. Then, of course, a good eel is a delicacy. After these you may snap your fingers at the lot. People praise the perch, which is only tolerable, and the tench, which is not far better, while which is only tolerable, and the tench, which is not far better, while pike without his pudding is the sorriest of fare, and as to the carp family, including bream, roach, barbel, dace, and rudd, they are not worth the pains of preparation, and it is waste of time and energy to try and turn them into a meal.

Appropos of these facts, then, and as we have public attention largely directed by the Exhibition to fish and fisheries, let us ask how it is that we English, such an ingenious improving race as we are, should for all these hundreds of years have neglected river, lake, and pond, quite content to let them produce what they please; while, in pretty well everything else, we have gone on making the fittest survive, and improving them. Look at the fruits, vegetables, and flowers of a couple of hundred years ago, and com-pare them with those that are common now. Pair the coarse, wild pare them with those that are common now. Pair the coarse, wild Irish pig with the savoury Berkshire porker; the old British sheep with the toothsome Southdown; and the ancient bony, leggy her or cock, all tendon and skin, with the present-day square, full-breasted, fleshy, table-fowl. Speaking generally, everything has been improved—save fish.

Fresh-water fish, of course: for, with pleasant recollections of the white sole fillet, the curdy, flaky cod, the tender turbot, the beautiful brill the luscious labetar the curping flavoured gap and leather.

brill, the luscious lobster, the cunning-flavoured crab, and, lastly, the cheapest, most abundant, and most delicious fish that swims the sub-acid, piquant herring.—I opine that sea-fish could not be improved save in a diminution of their bones. Your fresh-water improved save in a diminution of their bones. Your fresh-water fish, excepting those named as good, asks for nothing else but improvement, and, being get-at-able, could be improved, not in the way advocated by Frank Buckland, for everything points to the fact that, in spite of what may be done in the getting rid of sewage to purify our streams, many of our town-bearing rivers can never furnish salmon more. The improvement must be in the minor rivers, in upper waters, pond, lake, and mere. The salmon, as nor states are covered, must be treated as a second. as these proposals are concerned, must be treated as a sea-fish; and now, how is improvement to be brought about, and how are our various inland waters to be made to produce supplies of fish that will prove to be palateable and useful, as well as economical additions to the table?—more, fish that are worth the catching, and such as will make a day's fishing as satisfactory as a day with the gun in good preserves?

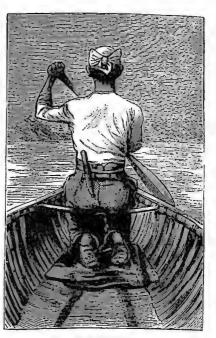
The answer is simple. Here we have so many square miles of water allowed to run to waste, for it is waste when they produce fish that are not good for food—why should they not produce fish that are good? How is it to be done? Why, by the diligent destruction of the useless, and the fostering of more valuable kinds. This mere might be stocked with eals that blay with valgoons and This mere might be stocked with eels, that lake with gudgeon; and by due attention these might be obtained far larger in size than the miserable little things so often caught. It is to a great extent a question of feeding. In the Thames, where every scrap of food is fought for by hungry bleak and roach, the dace are little fellows of an ounce or two in weight. In the Colne, where food is plentiful, they often approach a pound. Not that we would cultivate dace, but the more palateable kinds. Trout would flourish in many a stream, were they fostered, and even in some lakes, while to take the place of the bream that swarm wherever a piece of water spreads, let the acclimatisers set more busily to work. Is this wide world so empty of varieties that some half-dozen more useful fresh-water fish cannot be obtained to occupy the room of roach and dace and bream? Efforts have been made with fish of the salmon family; but with other kinds comparatively little has been done. In fact, we are nowhere as a fish-producing land—we don't say sea. Selected from the lakes and rivers of Europe and Asia, with those of America, there could be found those that would far surpass our

or America, there could be found those that would far surpass our own in every respect; and a toothsome as well as useful article of food might be made plentiful in our midst.

Chiffins says that it is very easy to talk, but how would you set to work? How do our florists and nurserymen set to work to stock our green and hothouses, as well as gardens, with the strangest and choicest plants? They have their travellers ready to search Central America, the South, the great isles of Borneo and New Guinea, America, India, and Japan. Why could not fish be equally obtained? It would be comparatively easier, for we do not want the wild and strange, but the edible varieties that have long been known and proved. Is there any reason why the sterlet and sturgeon should not be plenteous in our rivers, as in those of Russia? That they will exist is proved by the occasional capture of the latter. There are so-called mudfish, too, in Europe; perch that grow large as well as palatable in American lakes; and above all, were the task in our hands, we would visit China and Japan, and







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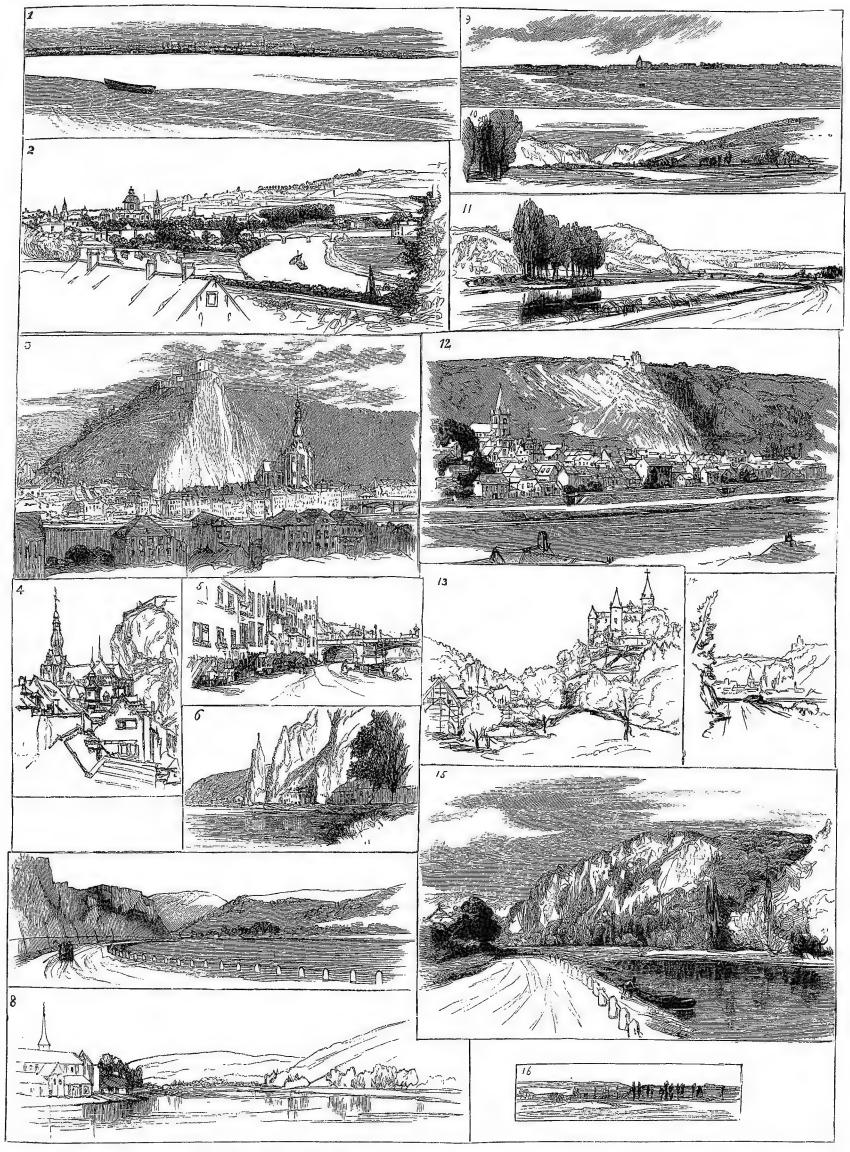
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A PRIMITIVE WELL

THE RETURN BY MOONLIGHT A TRIP IN A BIRCH BARK CANOE ON THE RIDEAU CANAL, CANADA



1. Parkiston Station and Quay, Harwich, G.E. Line.—2. Namur, Just Above the Confluence of the Sambre and the Meuse, from the Brussels Railway.—3. Dinant.—4. View from Window of Hotel Tête d'Or, Dinant.—5. Old Houses at Dinant.—6. Le Rocher Bayard, Dinant.—7. Between Waulsort and Hastière, Looking Down.—

8. Hastière, Looking Up.—9. The Scheldt.—10. Between Namur and Yvoir, Looking Down.—11. Ruins of the Castle of Poilvache, Below Dinant, Looking Up-Stream.—12. Bouvignes and Castle of Crèvecœur.—13. Château de Vêve at Celle, Nine Miles from Dinant.—

14. Bouvignes, Looking Up.—15. Opposite Waulsort.—16. Distant View of Givet, Looking Up.

see what they could furnish of their best and most likely to survive. Much has been done in many ways for food supply, so much that if we were to eliminate the foreign of descent from that of native birth, most tables would be comparatively bare; but fish has been almost left alone, except to give us supplies in tins.

Who is the philanthropist that will begin by finding out say one good, useful, large growing fish that would flourish in our inland waters, increase and multiply, and climb to the dignity of being cooked in pot and pan, and lastly praised? Where shall we find it? The world is wide, and the task is as surely to be done as the introduction of domestic fowls. Let us cease fiddling with the salmon and the trout. Good enough work has been done, but the results are so pitifully small. A broader work is wanted with fish that will need no nursing when once turned out in river, pond, and lake. The task of getting rid of the present trivial denizens of our waters at first seems great; but this may be made easy by the choice of predatory fish. Think, ye who know them, of the vast expanses of the Norfolk Broads, and the wretched fry with which they swarm; and what is the case in these lakes is also the case with many inland waters that could be named, and many miles of river and canal. It is not muchto ask for, that one good, useful table-fish should be acclimatised at once. This done, the rest would follow. Who is going to begin?

G. M. F. to begin?



THE Contemporary, which did not reach us in time for our first THE Contemporary, which did not reach us in time for our first notice, is an exceedingly good number. In a very able, if somewhat ex parte, article, the writer, who adopts the nom de plume of "Stepniak," forbids the supposition that all is going smoothly in "Russia After the Coronation." The peasant is sinking under unequal taxes, which in most districts more than double the rental of his land; and the concessions lately made him by the State have been so trivial (in comparison with his needs) as to have passed unnoticed by the masses of the population. But the present bureaucracy has neither the power nor the will for the farreaching reforms which alone can give him permanent relief, and thus the economic crisis will find its natural solution in a political one. But there will be no more outrages, thinks "Stepniak," just thus the economic crisis will find its natural solution in a pointeat one. But there will be no more outrages, thinks "Stepniak," just yet. Possibly the Nihilists have become aware that European public opinion, to which they attribute an extraordinary influence over the Caar and his entourage, will infallibly range itself against the party which employs such weapons.—Sir A. Hobhouse sums up in a few strong "Last Words" the case against the opponents of "Mr. Ilbert's Bill," and Mr. Howell contributes "a retrospective review" of "The Work of Trades Unions" which the lover of statistics will find most valuable. Among the other articles we must be content to name Professor Sayce's essay, at once learnedly and popularly written, on "The Gods of Canaan;" a strange, weird story, half allegory, half a Faust-like vision of the spirit-world, "Medusa;" and Mrs. Haweis' very charming notes on "Colours and Clothes in the Middle Ages."

Blackwood, too, like the Contemporary, is in its best form. "The Canal Dilemma" makes short work of the Jordan Valley scheme, with its insuperable engineering difficulties. For English interests there are only two routes to India—the Suez Canal for heavy merchandise, a Euphrates Valley Railway for light goods and troops.

chandise, a Euphrates Valley Railway for light goods and troops. Another year or two of Lord Beaconsfield, thinks the writer, would Another year or two of Lord Beaconsfield, thinks the writer, would have put us in a fair way to obtain a railway, and with it an unrivalled position for checking the advance of Russia to the East or West. "The Millionaire" gains vastly in interest with the arrival in London of the master of a hundred millions; and there is some delightful reading in a paper on "The Berkshire Ridgway," the ancient road which runs past scores of sites illustrious in Cymric, Saxon, and Danish annals, though now a solitude best perhaps described in the words which might have been read a few years back on a guide-post at its eastern end: "Streatley I mile; Devizes 50." Between the two not even a hamlet.

Belyravia backs Mr. M'Carthy's clever serial with some good short stories; among them a striking tale, with just a flavour of unseen mysteries, by Julian Hawthorne, entitled "My Friend Paton."—In Tinsley is a fairly amusing yarn, the "Phantom Ship;" in the Month a glowing description of "The English Pilgrims at Lourdes," by one of them, and the concluding chapter of the editor's "Personal Visit to Distressed Ireland"—a visit which seems to have brought him back a confirmed Home Ruler, full of faith in the energy and

Visit to Distressed Ireland"—a visit which seems to have brought him back a confirmed Home Ruler, full of faith in the energy and capacity of the Irish Celt if only some modus vivendi can be hit on by which Irishmen shall be enabled, without breaking up the Empire, to manage their own matters in their own (and in the Church's) way.—In the Army and Navy Colonel Malleson continues his studies of the campaigns in which the King of Sweden led the Protestants to victory against Tilly and Wallenstein on "The Battle-Fields of Germany."

SUMMER IN RÜGEN

THE village stands on the northern coast of the island, at the top THE village stands on the northern coast of the island, at the top of cliffs which rise 200 feet from the shore; open to the sea breezes which temper even the midday heat, and yet protected from the force of westerly gales by the higher undulations of the land behind. From the balcony of the house we saw the sun rise out of the sea this morning, and to-night—for it is but a few days past midsummer—we shall see him descend into the waters beyond the point at the further side of the bay. A light haze promises heat, but ample shelter and shade may be found in the forest of beeches which extends almost from the door for many miles to the south-ward following the coastline down to the very margin of the sea. which extends almost from the door for many miles to the southward, following the coastline down to the very margin of the sea. The footpath through these overhanging woods is richly carpeted by the chequered shade as the sunlight and the breeze pass between the leaves, and only occasional glimpses may be caught of the sky above or of the deeper blue of the sea beneath. In the sunnier spots along the cliff sides may be found the familiar wild fruits—the strawberry, the raspberry, the cherry, the apple and the pear, among others; and the air is fragrant with the fresh growth of herbs and flowers, especially the sweet briar and other wild roses. Here is said to have been the scene of the worship of a is said to have deity who was evidently a personification of Nature. The tradition is a discredited, like most traditions, but in the depths of the forest lies a lonely little lake associated with the name of the goddess, and other remains pointing to the celebration of some kind of religious rites. Even now the forest appears to be for the most part held sacred from the woodman's axe, and a survival of the old superstition. Here may, perhaps, be traced in some of the popular customs. Each lodging-house in the neighbourhood has its flagstaff, and on the day of a visitor's expected arrival the national colours are run up, with sometimes a bunch of beech boughs at the top of the pole; or a garland of beech leaves is placed round the doorway of the house, or in one of the rooms, as a taken of walcome and good ower for or in one of the rooms, as a token of welcome and good omen for the coming guest. At no great distance from that mysterious lake, the rich foliage of the cliffs is broken by remarkable protuberances of the chalk, and from a certain point may be seen a precipice 420 feet in height—a mass of white framed on either side by the vivid green of the beeches descending sheer to the blue sea. Even to the least instructed eye the picture is full of charm.

Returning from the woods to the open country stretching to the

westward behind the village, we are in the midst of busy farms, for the sandy loam, hungry and poor in some parts of the island, here bears heavy crops of rye, potatoes, peas, clover, and some wheat, oats, and barley. Picturesque hamlets are passed at frequent intervals, and even the humblest thatched cottages have a home-like aspect, with their white-washed walls, snowy window curtains, and choice flowers—such wealth of roses as is rarely to be seen.

Back again from these breezy uplands to the village in time to see the sunset. The sun descends over the land on the further side of the bay, glides down the cliff at the Point, and sinks into the sea, while the purple tints spreading along the horizon melt into pale green, and then into deepening shades of violet. The sight, though strikingly beautiful, is not more rich in colour than the sunsets to be seen in other lands, but it sometimes happens on a hot day, when the breeze dies away before noon, that every ripple though strikingly beautiful, is not more rich in colour than the sunsets to be seen in other lands, but it sometimes happens on a hot day, when the breeze dies away before noon, that every ripple disappears from the water, which gradually assumes the aspect of a sea of glass. The line of the horizon is lost in the haze, so that the more distant vessels appear to be sailing in mid air. Then when the sun, glowing like a furnace, sinks to near the level of the distant cliffs, the land appears as a dark line beneath him, while from the further shore a path of gold stretches across the bay. It is not an irregular or diffused reflection such as is commonly to be seen, but, on the contrary, has sharply defined lines, and in certain states of the atmosphere appears of a most dazzling radiance—such as the ancient priests, standing at the verge of the forest, might have pointed to as a fitting pathway for their goddess.

When the sun is down it is nine o'clock, and in another hour it will be time to go to bed, though the long twilight still lingers. There is light enough to read by in the open air till nearly ten o'clock—and we all live in the open air—in the woods or on the cliffs, when abroad—in arbours, "summer houses," verandahs, balconies, when at home—wherever a little shade can be got, for there are no mal-odours to annoy the stranger and no insects to torment him, and the cool fragrant breezes are as the breath of new life.

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It is true there is light enough to read by long after sunset, but then there is little or nothing to read. In this happy island, with about 45,000 people, there are no newspapers to speak of—only one or two little news sheets appearing occasionally. The host of the principal inn does, indeed, condescend to supply the artificial as well as the natural wants of his guests, and imports newspapers from Berlin and Stralsund. But what is Berlin to us, or Stralsund either? We are here in Rügen, where life glides on like a certain river of the ancients, "with incredible smoothness." As a rule, nothing appears to happen here, at least in summer. The night succeeds the day. Man goeth forth to his work until the evening, reaping the harvest of the land and the sea. There is no want in the bitter sense which that word has in great cities. There are no "dangerous classes." There is no drunkenness and no crime. "The stertorous unquiet murmur of sick life" in more crowded communities does not reach us here. The people are certainly far from rich, but they enjoy prosperity of a humble kind, and they are, or appear to be, content.

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"A fishing village sometimes visited as a sea-bathing place" is all that our guide-book has to say about Lohme. The description is somewhat incomplete. These fishermen are a fine intelligent race, and having discovered the natural advantages of their village they spare no pains to adapt it for the reception of visitors. Their thatched cottages are giving place to larger houses, well appointed, and offering homely but sufficient accommodation. Paths are made and offering honery but sunction accommodation. That is that had along the shore, seats are provided with a liberality scarcely known elsewhere, shops are opened, and communication with the outer world has been established by telegraph in addition to the post. The principal inn throws out offshoots in the shape of a dining-room for a hundred guests, and an ornamental pavilion on the clift. for a hundred guests, and an ornamental pavilion on the cliff. People who know how to conform to the customs of the country, and who are content with plain but perfectly wholesome fare, served by the neatest of waiting-maids—with an old-fashioned dinner in fact, served at an old-fashioned hour—and who chiefly need refreshment of brain and nerves, may find it here. The spotless cleanliness of everything is remarkable, and so are the self-respect, the fair dealing, and the innate good manners of the people. Hotels and lodging-houses of a more pretentious kind, offering generally good accommodation, may be met with at Sassnitz, Putbus, and the other summer resorts, all of which are on the eastern side of the island.

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The guide-book already quoted further states, apparently by way of warning, that in these parts "the bathing arrangements are primitive." This sounds rather alarming, but the facts are that the bathing place for men is out of sight of that for ladies, dregs, and attendants are provided for a very moderate charge, and although apple bothing dregses are in young the path leading war. rooms and attendants are provided for a very moderate charge, and although ample bathing-dresses are in vogue the paths leading near the ladies' bathing place are absolutely closed to the other sex between the hours of six A.M. and one P.M. Arrangements of this kind, one would suppose, could hardly have been characteristic of the habits of primitive man, or even of those of the Rugii, who appear to have been the earliest historical possessors of these islands. It should be added that the bathing on this part of the coast is not very convenient, the beach being unusually stony, nor very stimulating, the water of the Baltic containing less salt than that of the ocean.

By way of exception to the general rule, something did happen By way of exception to the general rule, something did nappen this summer. A new railway—the only one in the island—was opened on the 1st of July, from the ferry opposite Stralsund to Bergen, the capital, which is within easy reach of the most interesting scenes. Bergen is thus brought within about seven hours of Berlin by way of Stralsund. Persons who prefer steamboat travelling may go from Berlin to Stettin, and on by the steamer which runs daily in summer between Stettin and Sassnitz. Or they may take the small steamer which leaves Stralsund every afternoon for Rügen, threading its way through the narrow channels and inlets on the western side of the island, to Polchow and Ralswick—the former within five miles of Lohme and seven and a half of Sassnitz, and the latter three miles from Bergen. Even the most admirable of guidebooks cannot be expected to anticipate local changes which or gandenous cannot be especially as regards means of communication. The summer in Rügen, it should be added, is not always hot. Cold weather may occasionally be looked for, and it is, therefore, a matter of prudence to be prepared for either fortune.



The wheat crop has ble conditions. When THE WEATHER AND THE HARVEST .been finally harvested under very favourable conditions. When-September came in, a great deal of the wheat in the Northern and Western counties was still uncut, but from the 4th to the 8th, inclusive, great progress was made, and the present week has seen most of these backward fields cleared, except, of course, in the extreme North, and on the "cold" side of some of the Western has been the carliest harvested of cereal crops, farmers having lost seriously in 1882 by leaving outstanding a crop which suffers from rain far more deterioration of quality than the same amount of bad

weather inflicts upon oats, or even wheat. Oats may still be seen uncut in many Northern and Western shires, but these are the later spring sowings. The bulk of the crop has been already harvested Shropshire, and North Wales, where this even in Cheshire, Shropshire, and North Wales, where this cereal may often be seen standing till late in the autumn. The weather may often be seen standing the late in the autumn. The weather cannot be said to have been unfavourable to agriculture daring the first portion of September, any more than it was during the month of August, though the storm of Sunday week gave to September in a few hours a larger rainfall than had fallen in London during the thirty-one days of the harvest month.

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The Storm of the 2nd September was undeniably severe, and the disasters on the sea made the daily papers sad reading for the days following its occurrence. Agriculture, with one important exception, suffered little harm, except in the disturbance of thatchers' work, and scattering of grain from the few fields of over-tipe corn negligently left ungarnered. The exception we refer to is that of the hop-gardens. Here, unfortunately, the damage done has been very extensive, and a serious deduction will now have to be made from estimates of the yield to those Kentish, Sussex, and Worcester. very extensive, and a serious deduction will now have to be made from estimates of the yield to those Kentish, Sussex, and Worcestershire farmers who grow the hop-plant. The appearance of many gardens, with hundreds of fallen poles, and a general aspect of wreck and confusion, was most deplorable, and made the round of a wreck and contained in a big farm with many acres under hops a most depressing task on the morning of the 3rd of September. It was impossible at first to say how much damage had been done; but the wide area over which the storm extended, together with many private letters received, compel us to admit that 10 per cent. is not too much to deduct from the year's hop-harvest on account of this single storm.

THE HOLKER SHORTHORN SALE on the 6th inst. was an important incident in the stock-breeder's year. It was somewhat of a surprise in its results, though it would as yet be hasty to assume a surprise in its results, though it would as yet be hasty to assume that the comparatively low prices made indicate a reaction against shorthorns as an order or cattle of fine breed as a fancy. Stand the fact, however, for what it may, there is an undoubted significance in the comparison between the prices of 1878 and 1883. This comparison is uniformly greatly to the advantage of 1878. The more ordinary prices were higher five years ago than they were at the sale just held, while the difference on the Oxfords was still more marked. It is also noteworthy that at this year's sale the two Oxford bulls standing first on the catalogue were not sold owing to a lack of bids. Grand Duchess Oxford 49th, a very handsome red heifer, attracted special notice, and eventually sold for 565 guineas. Although this, for 1883 the highest price, was capped more than once at the 1878 sale, still it shows that fine stock of good prediction is very in request at a high and resource in the stock of good prediction. and special reputation is yet in request at a high and remunerative price.

price. WARWICKSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. — This important Society has just held its annual Show at Coventry. Splendid weather and a capital display of animals rewarded the large concourse assembled for the occasion. Besides the Show proper, there were jumping and driving competitions, and other forms of amusement suitable for a fair. A more appropriate adjunct to a farmer's exhibition were the farming competitions on fields adjacent to the show-yard. Here ploughing and draining, hedging and thatching, might all be seen in active progress, skilled labourers contending with each other in an useful, instructive, and most interesting contest. We rejoice to hear that this part of the programme was a success, and that liberal prizes were given, especially for hedging, success, and that liberal prizes were given, especially for hedging, ditching, and draining.

LORD DERBY, speaking at the Liverpool Show last week, has been described as offering farmers "cold comfort," Anything that his lordship had to offer would certainly be cold, but it is difficult to see any comfort at all in the more or less philosophical observations which the Colonial Secretary deigned to let fall. It is perfectly true that an American millionaire could easily find enough land to buy in England, but English farmers do not year. enough land to buy in England, but English farmers do not yearn for Yankee landlords. Unlimited foreign competition must be for Yankee landlords. Unlimited foreign competition must be accepted, we are told. The battle has been already fought out—and lost. It may be so, but Englishmen were wont to be spoken of as a people who had the fault of not knowing when they were bearen.

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SHEEF SALES continue to take place, and high prices are obtained. At the letting of the Ashby-de-la-Launde flock 1,478/, was made, against 1,328/. last year, or an average of 14/. 15/s. per ram, against 13/. 5s.—One of the most important sales has been that of Lord Chesham's Shropshire flock on the 8th inst., at Bingley Hall. Here again very high rates prevailed. A very big sale of lambs at Lanark—40,000 were penned—resulted in the obtaining of prices about four shillings a head above the previous average. At the Uffington sale the shearling rams realised an average of 30/. 6s., the stock rams an average of 28/. 7s., and the shearling ewes an average of 10/. 8s. 9d. per head.

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HEREFORD CATTLE were shown to advantage at the Hereford sale on the 6th inst. High prices were obtained, which was not surprising, as the stock were as pure and beautiful in type as they were heavy in flesh, and the beautiful elastic touch of the skin on their being felt bore full witness to the fineness of breed obtained with this class of cattle, which are admitted favourites in the West of England, and in America, appear to be winning their way into of England, and in America appear to be winning their way into even more favour than the famous shorthorns.

FROME GREAT MARKET, as it is locally called, was not so active as had been expected. Cows in calf did not make above 164, cows with calves above 204, or calves alone above 74. 75. As regards cheese, Cheddars made 60s, to 70s, per cwt. There was a small supply of corn which was, however, in but poor demand, and only saleable at distinctly low prices. only saleable at distinctly low prices.

MISCELLANEOUS. Foot-and-mouth disease still prevails very extensively, though the most vigorous exertions are being made to extensively, though the most vigorous exertions are being made to detect and prevent it.—We are very glad to hear that the scheme for the prevention of floods round Oxford is making good progress. The Cherwell is being widened and deepened, the stream being dammed off in sections and pumped dry, so as to facilitate the excavation of soil.—Grouse have been selling at Leadenhall Market at prices much under what they cost on an average to the renters of moors. Usually the wholesale way is the cheapest; but not in the way of game.

THE CHINESE QUESTION IN CALIFORNIA has considerably quieted down of late, and the wary Celestials have profited by the lull to edge their way into nearly every branch of labour. Though immigration is now restricted, the streets of San Francisco are crowded by Chinese, and restricted, the streets of San Francisco are crowded by Chinese. and patient John Chinaman will persevere and push himself forward until he overcomes all employers objections to hire him. Moreover, when once John enters a trade he gradually obtains the whole control, and now one half the manufacturing in San Francisco is done by the Chinago. done by the Chinese.

TRANSATLANTIC MILLIONAIRES sometimes furnish their houses with more extravagance than taste, judging from the San Franciso News Letter's account of a gorgeous home in Missouri. There the proprietor has an original method of displaying his works of art, for "suspended to the elaborate gas fixtures from the ceiling are long lines of figures in invitation of all the applicate tentury and presenting lines of figures in imitation of all the ancient statuary, and presenting a delightful series of pictures." Seen by a nervous person in the gloaming, by the way, the sculpture might suggest a collection of ancient gallows and their occupants. Bright colours reign in all the rooms, as one devoted to betheve flowers has a brilliant green rooms, as one devoted to hothouse flowers has a brilliant green carpet to imitate nature, and another contains a hundred canaries, with a carpet as yellow as the birds. Huge mirrors are inserted in all the furniture.

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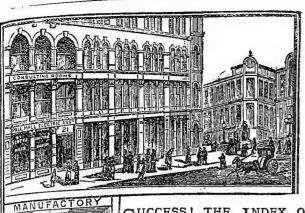
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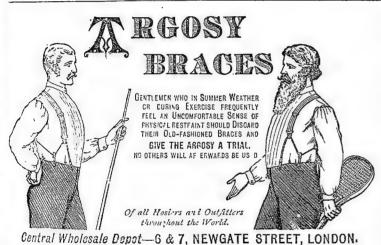
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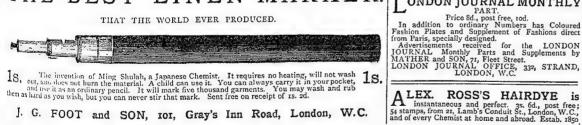
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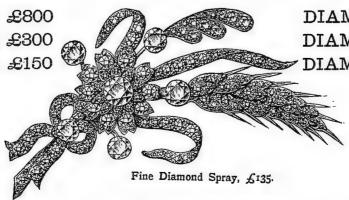
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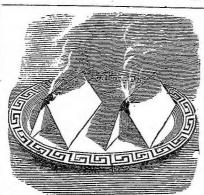
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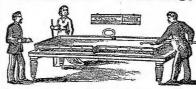
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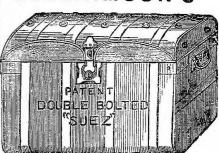
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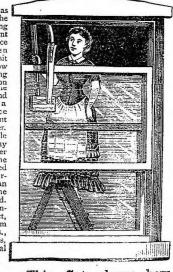


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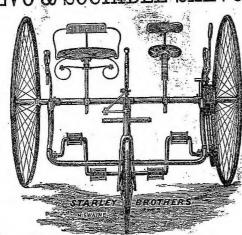
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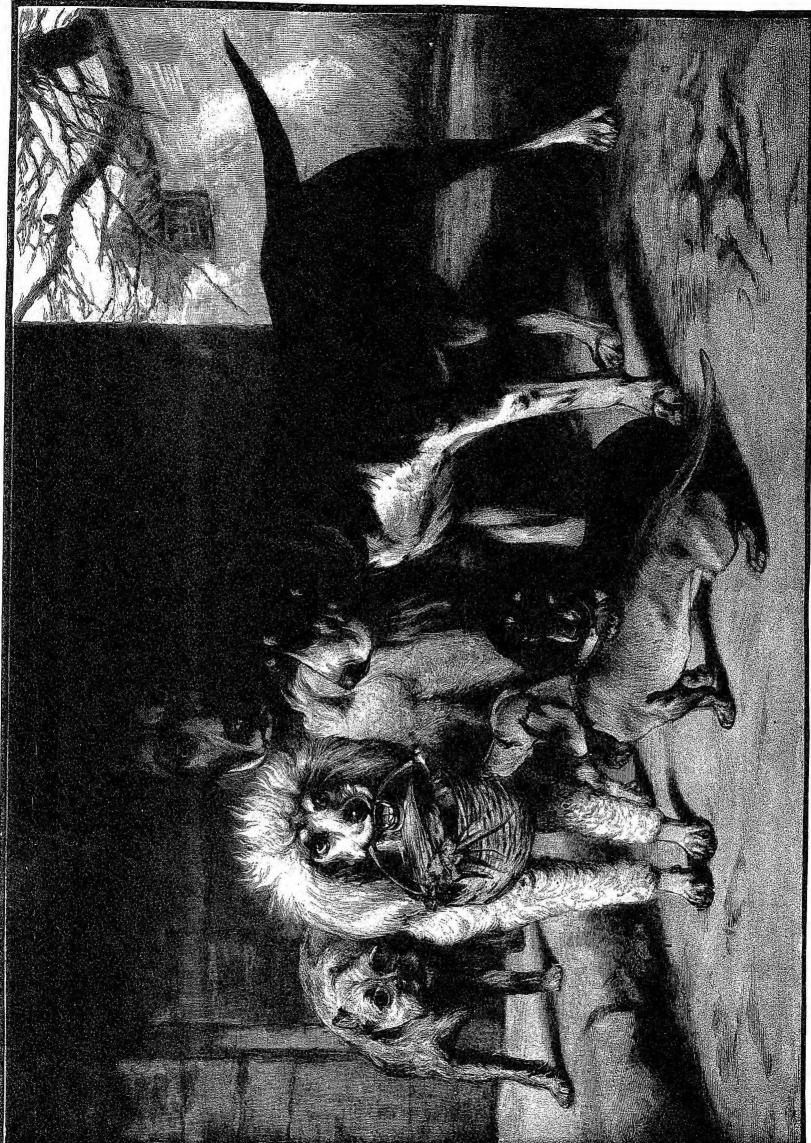
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